[1936]

Sunday - Kirby Dear -

Scott & Norma came up again Sday brought some more shrubery - eat you will be glad to know that the stock holders have asked Scott to carry on the business - Sodebaux left lots of debts - but she gets about four thousand insurance, going to moove with the four children to a cheap place, got a cow - chickens - & make garden says she was raised on farm - & knows how I got the arbor frame put up - now for planting & getting things to grow - Mrs Isaacs loaned me her little wagon & I moved the balance of the wood back - & stacked it - last night we had a dust storm - pretty cold to day - but clear - here is a newsy letter if not to you - do not say I told you - did you talk to Edith - Monday big frost this morning - but it will not kill my peas or strawberries - do tell me about things now & then -

I love you always -

Mother

LEONARD HICKS, MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE WORLD'S TALLEST HOTEL

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A Great Hotel in a Great City

CHICAGO

[1936]

Lake Geneva - Tuesday

Alma Darling:

Busy! Rewarding!

Talked a blue streak at 515 students present. Eated.

Excellent response.

Picked up a cold and developed an earache. First one for years. High altitude plus a cold. O.K. now.

Came East on the Zephyr - 1024 miles in 16 hrs. Comfortable too. Beautiful train.

[1936]

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Sat. night late

Sweetheart:

Here is a check. Better send

$100 to College
75 " La Habra Hts Co
75 " Whittier Bldg & Loan

Have just finished page proof of Living Courageously. They will soon rush it through.

Its late and I must be in Philadelphia by 10 A.M.

Love and kisses

Kirby Page

[1936]

3947-48th Street
Sunnyside, L.I. N.Y.

Dear Alma :

I have meant towrite you for some time but I some hev never get around to writing letters. I thot there might be late news of developments any time, but things seem to be at a stand-still. Houses are being sold, I understand with out much comment any more. As you know Eddy's went some time ago, I believe I heard that the Elliott's went too. Hottensons and Weiss' were sold last week. Lubschez some time ago. Mr. Kuh said that he heard that this place would go in another two months but I am sure I don't know where he gets the information. Ibelieve the landlord ? may havetold him. He probably told him that as an excuse for not paying for repairs. We jave a terrible time getting anything done, We have adopted the method of holding up the rent. That usually brings him around. They probably make more money off this house than any house in Sunnyside because the owner doesn't live here and it is all rented. Davenport's house is empty. They live in the lower appartment now. There are a great many empty houses.

I have the list which Kirby sent me in Dec. of things you would like sent. I thot there was no hurry so long as the huse wasn't sold. The family will be off for the summer soon and I will have time to look over your stuff and pack up the things you want. If you think of anything else ,let me know. If I come across anything that looks like an heirloom, I'll send it. I believe we still owe you some money, so I'll pay for packing and shipment and let you know what the balance is. We got by with the reduction in rent but thot it just as well to let the rentfor the past few months correspond with that of the present in case they wrote you about it. We plan to take over the ice box too, and put in the old one when we leave. If you remember we paid you theequivalent of our ice bill for a while so we will assume that they were payments on the box. Half Sunnyside is using ice again because the owners took out the gas boxes. Unless thetenants leave in protest we think we may stay another year, Constance will be ready for high school after this year and we thot we would wait until then to make a move.

I'll get up in theattic soon and look over the stuf and see what is worth salvaging. Iwill wait to hear from you before shipping.

Florence Elliott said she saw you in California this spring.

Pardon the poor typing, the keys stick, and then I'm not so good even so. Quite all around

Love

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Friday noon, nearing Houston

Sweetheart:

Expect to reach Puente (Southern Pacific) at 4:10 Monday afternoon. Hurrah and hallelujah!

Am due to reach Houston at two o'clock this afternoon. Hope Leak will be free to drive me to Cleveland. Will spend tonight and tomorrow with mother. Hope to see Susie if she has not already gone to California.

Have 'steen million things to talk over and can hardly wait until I get home.

Love and kissssses! Kisssesssses and lovvvvveeee!

Ever your

Kirby

Monday Noon -

I recd a letter from Leah today - saying they would be along this afternoon some time - so I will have the produce all ready - fryers too.

Kirby Dear, I have been worrying ever since you left - because I did not give you a definite answer about money matters - I was really ashamed to say that I had spent all - but fourteen five dollars - was about to break down - to crying - so - I had to act silly - to keep you from giving me any more money - Dear you have no idea how it humiliates me - yet I have it to do as long as I live I want to see you as much as ever - but you must not waste your time, & money - running by here every time I am so grateful for all you have done for me - & I miss you -

Tues Leah got here a little before dark, tired, but all right - they drove three thousand miles, no car trouble

ment from Columbus & Chicago - other business for the Firm - visited the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky - on the way up - had terrible most all the time - but they got rains at last. that real estate business was to sell property for an old negro School teach - Superintendent of Negro Schools in Galveston for years - one time Minister to Liberia, Leak put ad - in papers - & in two days sold the lot for $400 in cash - every body pleased, Jem wanted to build on it - yes, I had an application to rent the two rooms young married couple - think they will moove in right away - fine dollars to spend please. Leak will feel lots better about me - expect you will too - big rain yesterday - real cool this morning - Leak thinks that Abstract will be settled all right - I love, & want to see every day, thanks for all you ever did for me
hello Anna & young people, love, Mother

[1936]

Cleveland – Sunday – 19th

Kirby Dear – I spend the day alone – & yet not alone – for I have heard a host of people talking & singing over the Radio – listened to some excellent music from the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake – four people have been in to hear it, they are amazed that I should have such a good set – one end of the Ariel is fastened to the end of a piece of timber nailed to the corn shed – so you see its a good long one. I have not tried for foreign Stations, the nights are cool, still, got another shower but not half enough the strawberries are getting ripe right along but of course the drought hurt them & the birds are getting their share too I wrote a little to Alma, & sent the clipping hope to hear you the night of the 21st Le & M – are coming up that day, but do not expect they can stay that late (all your goodness I love, & think of you, & thank you for

mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

[1936]

Friday morning. early

Darling:

Everything seems to be going all right here, except that Kay and I simply cannot keep up with the work to be done. We are doing our darndest and having a good time at it, and every once in a while we make what seems to be a showing, but something else is about smothered by that time and we have to begin somewhere else.

If you come home on the Southern Pacific you can get off at Puente. They said they would stop anywhere to let a passenger off, that is one coming a long way and from the East. So you can get off there. On the Union Pacific, I believe it is Rowland. The Santa Fe runs a good ways North of Puente and is almost as far from here as Alhambra. The place is called Azusa and I don't know just how to get there yet, but it can be done. However, there is no necessity to come on the Santa Fe this time.

This is "Ditch Day" and Mary and her gang are going to the Beach for two days. Kay is making hay at home and is ready for work.

Heaps and heaps of love, then some,

Ever Always, Waiting, for you,

Alma

[1936]

EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN

20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Speakers Bureau
KIRBY PAGE, Chairman
FRED ATKINS MOORE, Secretary

Enroute

Alma Darling:

Cannot find legal papers re. sale of Lufkin farm. If you cannot locate them, ask Allen what papers must be fixed up. Send to bank in NY. Perhaps I have to sign first. If so, send to me.

You can draw up to $250 safely.

Love

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Jan 9.

Darling:

Will you be here on Feb 4th

The F.O.R. wants you at the Whittier meeting. They had 30 at Dec meeting and almost as many at Jan. meeting.

Not much rain and things are as usual again. So tired of 4 Sundays in 2 weeks, I got so mixed up. Glad on regular schedule again. Can you give me schedule? Did you contact Mr Blaine? Hope things turned out as you expected.

Hoping and hoping love

Ever always yours

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

January 10, 1936.

Dearest Alma:

You must have been surprised to get the telegram this morning saying that I am going to England to see Mrs. Elmhurst. You will remember we talked about the possibility of Sherwood or Ray Newton making this trip. It has turned out so that it seems best for me to go, so I am off at midnight! We hope to get $25,000 or more. I am also going to try to sign up Maude Royden, George Lansbury and several other outstanding British pacifists for our speaking campaign in the spring and again in the fall. I am taking along a trunk full of questionnaires and will do most of the work on the report before I get back.

If you need to get in touch with me, wire the office and they can send a radiogram. You can reach me any time within a few hours. I expect to return to New York by January 28th. It will be necessary for me to spend a week or ten days here before coming to California for ten days. This means that I cannot speak at the Kiwanis Club on January 28th. Will you tell Bill Cheverton and express my deep regret? This means also that I will not be on hand for our Fellowship group on January 30th, but I think the group should go ahead according to schedule. Will you ask Miss Mills and Allan Hunter to follow through with regard to the Fellowship group meeting.

The enclosed letter from Sherwood will give you a thrill.

Love and Kisses

Kirby

January 10, 1936.

Dear Mother:

You will be greatly surprised to know that by the time this letter reaches you I will be half way across the ocean, headed for England. I am going over to interview a very rich woman about the possibility of a large gift for our peace campaign. We have a chance to get as much as $25,000 to $50,000 and I am going to do my best, you can be sure! I expect to return to New York about January 28th.

My plans for the next two or three months have been almost completely changed in order that I may help set up a new Emergency Peace Campaign. This means that I will not be coming to Texas precisely at the time I had formerly planned, but I shall certainly see you on my way to or from the Coast within the next six weeks so we will get to have a good visit after all.

The enclosed is to be spent, not saved. You'd be surprised how much more there is where that came from!

Heaps and heaps and heaps of love,

Mrs. Isabella Murry,
Box 144,
Cleveland, Texas

[1936?]

D. „EUROPA" Thur Jan 16

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD
BREMEN

Sweetheart:

Restful voyage! No trace of seasickness. Bad headache one day.

Conrad Hoffmann is on board. He was head of war work with prisoners in Germany during the war.

Mrs Hosmer-Norris AND HUSBAND are on board. Remember our trip to West Hartford where we got $500 for dinner — by listening to a steady flow of words for hours!

She saw to it that I was placed at their table. He is a gentle good-natured engineer. It would do you good to hear the conversation – or dialogue. No lulls between storms!

am traveling Tourist Class but have single room on A deck all to myself. This is off season. Fast boat 600 miles + more daily. Hitler permeates!!

Got a passport on the spot in N.Y. after wiring Nevin's brother who is Asst Sec of State.

will return as soon as I am able to see Mrs Elmhirst & few other people.

Probably return to California about Feb. 10th for ten days at home!!

Bushels and Barrels of love and kisses

Your

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

January 23, 1936.

Darling:

Somehow or other I hadn't given much thought to the matter that you might go to England, as it had seemed so certain that Ray or possibly Sherwood would go. I did not have any reason for you not going or anything startling to say, so did not reply by telegram. You were to be gone so short a time I did not write a letter to be forwarded, but guess it is now time to get down to business, much as I hate to tie myself down for a few minutes. However, it is evening and I can't get outsdie to work so you get the letter. I have spent more time outside since Christmas than at any period heretofore. I havenIt even gone in to the stores except when it was absolutely necessary, and have almost lived outside all day at a time, and so has Susie. There is a lot to be done around the rabbits when Kay is not off, and even then someone has to get out the hay.

Jan.27. Well, here's hoping that you got your inter view with the woman and that you got more money than you expected. Am wondering if you will get in the funeral of King George before coming home. If not you are probably leaving or have just left as I write this.

Susie and I went in to get a haircut and do some shopping last week-end. This is mid-term vacation and Kay is getting in some work. Mary is spending most of her time out away from home. She is even missing out on the rabbit and chicken fryers, but I must say that Kay makes up for any she happens to not get. If you don't take too long getting home you may get some fried chicken. There ought to be rabbit almost continuously from now on.

We got a few roses and put them out and they are budding out nicely and will soon be all green and nice. We have three climbing roses out. There is a lot of spraying and fertilizing that ought to be done around here just now, but there is just too much to do and not enought strength available around here now to do it. Do send an air mail letter as soon as you land telling what your plans are. Will prozbably have to draw on the N.Y. account for tuition money soon. In fact Kay just said they would have to have checks tomorrow, so consider a hundred withdrawn.

Heaps and heaps of love and then some,
Always ever your own,

Alma

Cleveland, Tex. Jan 25

Kiely Dear - I am getting along all right - has been quite cold - but I kept warm, & fine, sure, your letter was a surprise. hope everything has been well with you -

I look for Leah, & Mamma again tomorrow if the weather is decent, I get miserably lonesome, but its a relief to be out of the way - the papers say they will start paying Pensions about July 1st sure hope I get on the roll,

get blanks in Feb

love, & best wishes - Mother

monday, yes, L & N. came yesterday last night it rained, & then froze, I get my Mail in about one city - block of the house started the Route since I came here its P. 1. No ox no sure is fine for me I have plenty of wood & every thing I need, love, Mother

ON BOARD
CUNARD WHITE STAR
"MAJESTIC"

Tuesday Feb. 4

Sweetheart:

Day late due to rough seas. Snow, sleet, heavy going. Fortunately I did not get seasick. Slept 12-13 hours daily!! Feel more rested than for many a moon. The trip has done me worlds of good.

Hope you got a copy of my cable saying that I secured a

favorable response from Mr. Jones.
Elmhirst. Asked them for $25,000
outright + a further conditional gift
of $10,000 for every $100,000 above
$250,000 ~~that~~ we raise. They
were highly sympathetic. Must
consult American agents before deciding,
but feel sure we will get
substantial contribution.

George Lansbury is coming
over in April as a speaker.
Maude Royden will probably
come later. Also two or
three other British pacifists.

Must stay in east for
about a week helping set-up
campaign. Will come California

as soon as possible.
Expect to stay TEN DAYS
& then off again!

not for many, many
years, have I gone so
long without a letter
from you, so am
naturally awaiting word
with eagerness upon
arrival.

Love and kisses

Kirby

[1936?]

CUNARD
WHITE STAR

ON BOARD
"MAJESTIC"

Feb. 4

Dear Son:

You should have seen the crowds in London on the day the King was buried. Five hundred persons hurt at one corner. Ambulances and doctors were busy. Have oodles of pictures to show you.

It will be great to see you again. Now that you are grown up we have more interests in common.

As ever

Dad

Plenty of rough seas!
Head winds galore. Remarkably
steady ship.

Hours for EATS:

8 - Breakfast
11 - Broth
1 - Luncheon
4 - Tea
7 - Dinner

Endless courses to choose
from - and all paid for
in your ticket!

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 11, 1936.

Dearest:

Since landing I have been in a whirl, but we are making splendid headway. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday we had forty hours of committee meetings. The next two weeks constitute one of the most critical periods, since we are trying to launch the campaign on a substantial scale. Moreover, I did not cancel my two-day engagement at Syracuse University on February 29th and March 1st, nor at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, on March 6th, 7th, and 8th. This means that there is no time to come to California and get back to Syracuse. Therefore, I have reluctantly concluded that the only sensible thing to do is to make hay between now and March 8th, and leave that night for California. Two weeks in the East now are worth asmuch as a month at any other period. I shall plan to stay in California for two weeks when I come.

In a few moments I am leaving for Palm Beach, believe it or not! There are half a dozen strategic individuals who need to be interviewed quickly, so I am going to make the rounds in the South, returning to New York next Monday. I know you will envy me these hours in sunny Florida! You had better send letters here since my movements are quick and uncertain.

Heaps of love

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 14, 1936.

Darling:

Here I was all set to get a telegram telling me just exactly when you would arrive and instead I get instructions to forward some stuff to New York and a letter saying you will be another month getting home. To say I am disappointed is to put it rather mildly. However, if the rains don't wash us off the map by that time, we shall be sitting here waiting for you to come home and put you to work when you arrive.

What shall I do about the payments to the Whittier Loan Co. I haven't paid anything during January. As it stands now I have drawn as follows from New York. Jan 8. $200. Jan 28 $100 part tuition. February 7 $150. More tuition is due soon.

We had practically no rain and now we have had rains for four or five days. two inches of rain in two or three days. some of the places suffered from hurricane winds and some of the places, as usual, were flooded with mud and boulders from the denuded mountains.

The questionnaires go forward today. Heaps and heaps love. Ever always,

your own,

Alma

Cleveland, Tex Feb 14th (R.R. 1

Kirby, & Alma, I got a Pension blank to day; have to give the names, & address of my children — get two people that have known me for years to vouch for my truthfulness — (wrote Parrish), I also have to give the occupation of you Boys, will put you down as Minister — & lecturer, must have lived 5, out of the last nine years in Tex, the last year without mooving out of the State, will tell them I have lived in Tex for fifteen years, going out of the State a few times to visit my children, that trip to Calif, was only a visit — I never intended to stay always, I hope you will help me — say that you & Leak have been feeding me — half & half, for two years, but I will not stay in Calif, & that is all the way you will continue to do so, have never rec'd help from any other source

I have rented the two front rooms for five dollars — have two pigs, & eight chickens, garden land plowed — & a few things planted but its cold & wet. I keep fairly well, love, & hope to hear soon, Mother

Reab? — Route in back of B.C. 84

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

February 16, 1936.

Darling:

We howled for rain so long that the heavens opened and gave us enough to last the rest of the year and it is still at it. It has been raining for a full week, rather ten days if I remember aright. Sometimes we have a few hours of sunshine, but it always clouds up and begins again, and there seems to be no end of it. We have suffered some, but not much. Some places have had real hurricanes and washouts and floods and about everything else.

Yesterday I sent a notice from the Bank of Manhattan saying there were no funds in the bank when I drew a check on the 7th for $150. Have not had any word from the Whittier bank as yet. We are having some more chicken today. Wish you were here to enjoy it. Glad you got a chance to go to Florida for a while, and also glad I am not in New York with you in all the weather that must be there. I would rather be in California even if it is raining. The rain has been hard on the rabbits and hard on all of us, but the pup seems to thrive on anything and eats everything but nails. He weighs about 35 pounds. Our scales only go to 25 and he passed that a couple of weeks ago.

Sid is coming over on Tuesday and the youngsters have promised to be home then. Hope we are not washed away before then. Heaps and heaps of love,

Always, ever yours, Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 17 1936

Alma Darling:

Glad to get your letter of the 14th. Hope the rains did not wash you away.

It breaks my heart not to be at home now, but this is the critical period in The Emergency Peace Campaign and I feel obliged to stay by for a while. I now plan to leave Ohio on Sunday night, March 8th, and should reach home on March 11th.. I shall make a desperate effort to remain at home for three weeks. Then I shall be working at our spring campaign until the third week in May. Then home for two weeks before student conferences. THEN HOME DURING JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER.

Have not had time to get in any money for our personal account and we are badly overdrawn. Will do something before the end of this month. Tighten your belts until then!

Feeling Ok but am might lonesome for all of you.

Love and kisses

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Telephone

February 21, 1936.

Darling:

Don't worry about not getting here sooner. I am rather glad it will be later rather than now. We have had so much rain and cold that it has not been pleasant and there must be some better weather ahead somewhere. I do hope that you will not have to chase all over the country while you are here and can stay home and do some real work. Goodness knows there is enough to be done. We can't keep abreast of it at all.

I have not had any word from you as yet about the money situation, since you received my letter about the check bouncing. We are $85 overdrawn, more than that in fact, as I used over $50 that was Susie's. This was the first check I had drawn in February at all, Consequently, we have not had much to live on and now I cannot pay any bills. What, Oh What is to be done, and how soon can there be some money forthcoming? We need haaps of things. Now.

The Dodge has gone over 27,000 miles and is using a lot of oil. It seems there will need to be new rings soon. The whole job labor, rings and a couple of other things at same time will come to about $40. Should this be done in March before you come home?

The terracing of the acre and a half will cost about $110 an acre. That is ready to put in trees. Terraces about 14 feet wide on top of each terrace. It is too wet to do anything right now, even if we had the money.

Oh well, I will be glad to see you when you come, for more reasons than you can count, but anyway I am still, all yours, Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Alma Darling:

Busy and then busy! But we are making satisfactory progress with the Emergency Peace Campaign. Am sending you a batch of documents, etc. that will give details.

Am depositing a salary check and you may draw up to $350 if you need to in order to clear things up. Better pay at least $75 to the building and loan company and back payments on the new acre, etc.

Ray and I went to Boston yesterday for an interview with Mrs Forbes. Had a nice time with six persons she had invited to lunch and then a word alone with her. She will give, but we know know the amount. Later she is going to invite a larger company of potential givers for another luncheon and we may secure a good deal.

Better decline invitations for the period that I am to be at home. I want to stick close to the hilltop during the three weeks.

Feel more and more certain that I should spend practically all of July, August and September at home, digging in the dirt and working on Living Courageously.

Maude Royden cables that she can sail during the first week in January and remain until the last week in February. This is better than we had hoped for.

I can hardly wait for the time when I can see you folks again.

Love and kisses

Kirby

Cleveland, Feb 25 R.R. 1

Kiby Dear, I recd your letter to day = sure was glad too. I have not written often, had no idea where you were, sent one to Calif, I am well as usual, & getting my garden started, I rented my two front rooms — & that cut my rent to three dollars — yes I got my Pension blank filled out, & sent in to Beaumont, I am in that distrit later on they will send an Inspector around, have no idea how I will come out, I believe I told you I was getting my mail on the R.R. only a short distance to go, that pleased me more than most any thing, the weather was quite cold this month, until a few days ago, wind blowing like Marsh, to day — & threatening to rain, glad to know you keep well, Alma wrote me once

love, Mother

February 27, 1936.

Dearest Alma:

I want to take a moment to supplement my hurried scribbling in order to bring you more nearly up-to-date. At the Emergency Peace Campaign we are now wrestling with the task of assembling 200 or 300 speakers and negotiating with local committees in some 300 communities. It is getting to be the wildest whirl in which I have ever been. For weeks now we have been working on an average of twelve hours a day, and often we have worked fourteen. Fortunately results are beginning to show and we are really quite thrilled over the prospects. This afternoon I am meeting with a committee of the New York Federation of Churches to discuss plans for the next year here in the city. We have four big events: George Lansbury in Carnegie Hall on April 22nd; our October campaign here in the city; a huge demonstration on November 11th, probably in Madison Square Garden, and the Maude Royden meetings in January.

I shall be in Syracuse Saturday and Sunday for a student campaign that I did not cancel when I made the general sweep of the boards. Then I am to be back in Philadelphia for three days before going to Detroit and then on to Miami University for two days and then I head for California. It is likely that I will stop off a few hours in two of three places on route, so I may be a day late in getting home. Then I plan to stay at home for a full three weeks, even though the heavens fall. During that time I do not expect to run wildly over California. I shall have to spend a few hours a week helping a committee take care of the California cities, but I do not believe this should take more than half a day a week. I am going to need a real rest, because I shall have an extraordinarily strenuous two months during April and May. Therefore I plan to do a lot of hard work on the hill-top.

If we do not need to pay for the terracing for another month I think we had better go ahead and have it terraced. Use your judgment about fixing the Dodge now.

We are going to need a telephone very badly, so I think you had better get them to move as quickly as possible. I will be getting telephone calls a great deal during this period. I suppose it will make Mary pretty sore to have a telephone! There are exactly a million things that I want to talk over. These are strenuous days, but I am inclined to think that I have never been doing anything that is more important.

Heaps and heaps of love,

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Heaps and heaps of love,

Kirby
L.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

February 29, 1936.

Darling:

Well, it seems we are having a little bit of spring weather for a while now after so very much rain. I do hope it keeps up for a while as there is so very much to be done about the place. And will we be glad to see you again. Anyway, I am certain about one person being glad to see you.

Before you leave New York will you do one thigg for me. Please write the bank officially and ask them to please communicate with your office in case of irregularities in the account instead of sending a notice to us here by mail. It takes so much time to fix it up, and I have had so very much trouble and embarrassment over the situation I do not want to have to go through with it again. I went in the other day to draw some money and they told me that I could only have ten or fifteen dollars until they had heard from the bank in New York as to whether the check was good or not. You see the bank had instructions once upon a time to telephone the office, but they have changed personnell and it was overlooked. It will be good to write them again and have them make a notation of it. Thanks.

We are making an effort to save you a couple of chickens and there will be a bunch of rabbits ready by the time you get here and more coming all the time. We are selling a bunch today to buy their feed. Hurry up and come on and be sure and take care of yourself on the way. Heaps and heaps and heaps of love, ever, always yours. Alma.

N.B. P.S. Bring me a new pen
K. took the other.

HOTEL TULLER

CLIFFORD R. TAYLOR
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ROBERT HENSLEY
RESIDENT MANAGER

FACING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

DETROIT May 7

Sweetheart:

All well here! The campaign is going strong.

Will see Harold Gray this afternoon.

Big mass meeting here tonight.

Am lonesome for you. Can hardly wait until Saturday morning the 23rd when I am due to arrive.

Glad the terracing is being done. Want to do a lot of hard work. Believe it or not!!

HOTEL TULLER

CLIFFORD R. TAYLOR
MANAGING DIRECTOR

ROBERT HENSLEY
RESIDENT MANAGER

FACING GRAND CIRCUS PARK

DETROIT

Will remain here until June 3rd. Then to Estes Park, Geneva, Lakeside, Ohio & Philadelphia. Will all mother on way back & reach California about July 2nd. Then HOME during July, August & September.

Hurrah & hallelujah!!!

Hugs and kisses

Kirby

Cleveland Tex Mar 12

Dear People - have not heard from any of you lately - thought maybe Kirby would be home by this time & do want to hear from any of you, any time, I am getting along all right, the roomers are gone - Leak bought a cow for me, thirty dollars - says he wants to see some flesh on my bones - well the two pigs, Rufus & Rastus & myself are surely drinking milk chickens too - get nearly two gallons per day, on very little feed; have ordered 50 baby chick, assorted breeds for six cts each, delivered. Leak & W - came Sunday with a basket of groceries, & some wire to confine chicks, the yellow honeysuckles are in bloom, just across the road - sweet smelling - & lovely things, have a lot of vegetables coming up. been warm two weeks, but people say, more cold Kirby - write me if you are out there, & you too Alma when you can love to everyone, Mother

March 15, 1937

Dear Mother:

Alma is getting along famously. This is the tenth day and she is beginning to talk about coming home. We will keep her in the hospital as long as it is wise to do so.

She is, of course, eager to get hom, specially this time of the year when everything is growing so fast.

We have bought 130 lime trees for the hilltop. Kirby and Perry have more than half of the holes dug now and will put the trees out next week.

Do tell us a lot of details about the new home.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Minnie A. Newman
c/o J. L. Dolson
Humble Oil Company
Thompson, Texas

EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN
20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Speakers Bureau
KIRBY PAGE, Chairman
FRED ATKINS MOORE, Secretary

Monday Night

Sweetheart:

Lonesome for you tonight.

Have worked continuously since arrival and have scarcely made a dent. Have been using ten typists and three stenographers!!

Feeling OK.

I am to be on broadcast with Mrs Roosevelt + Georg Lansbury on april 21 - 7:00 - 7:30 California time.

Cheverton may want to arrange several radio parties.

Love and kisses

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

April 7, 1936.

Darling:

Everything as usual. Work seems to pile up eternally, but maybe we can get some of it done some day. Kay certainly is doing a good job of it on the beds around the house. He has mowed the whole lawn and it looks like a new and different place. So far have not been able to get anyone to come out and work. Dick usually has other work scheduled. I am slowly getting a bit of it done here and there. If Mary would only cooperate and work as Kay is doing we would get along fine. I did the washing yeaterday, all except part of the sheets and your clothes as I can save them until I have less at one time. In the afternoon I worked outside, and in the evening I had the finest headache you ever saw, a real rip-roarer. I cleaned out inside and went to bed early, and I mean early, and it was all right this morning. Have taken it easy so far, and am doing nicely. We hope that by the next time you get home things will look nicer outside. I have found that one of the new hand tools I got at Germain's the day we got the sprayer is a whiz at getting the turnips and grass out of the bank. The handle is a little longer than usual and it can reach way up or way down and handle things and then catch them up and throw them out.

I am enclosing the bill for the disbursements so far for the Emergency Peace Campaign. The total is $78.59 and I am afraid I shall have to have it fairly soon as it cuts a nice slice out of what I had.

I am enclosing some letters that have come yesterday and today. Have not attempted to anywer anything at all, although one or two could have been answered from here.

Hope you had a good visit in Texas and that you got to see Johnnie or Billy as well. Suppose your mother was overjoyed to see you, and had much to show you and talk about.

Heaps and heaps and heaps of love.

Ever, always,

Alma.

Wed - april 8th

Kirby Dear, I miised you so much.
but your presence seems to hover about the place still, I feel pretty blue - because I'm afraid you are still mad at me: but glad you dropped the idea of a refrigerator, I do not want to be any more expense than I can help, wish you would tell Alma so she will not worry, I promised her not to be begging for something all the time if the good Lord will only let us have the Pension money - it will take a load off of your Pa & I.
we got a fairly good rain to day, but its still cold - that is the first since you left, I watered strawberrys all I could, things have perked up to day.
& we may get more rain to night -
Thurs no more rain - but cloudy, & warmer -
I love you dearly, say you are not mad -

Mother

LEON H. GODCHAUX
PRESIDENT & MANAGER

A. L. PAGE
OFFICE MANAGER

SOUTHERN INVESTIGATIONS & COLLECTIONS
SUITE 208 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
TELEPHONE PRESTON 3404
HOUSTON, TEXAS

April 10th, 1936.

Dear Kirby:

Here's a little report on the spending of your money for Mother.

I checked with three other concerns on single battery Radio set and found out they are not satisfactory. Sears-Roebuck expert told me they handled that kind last year but discontinued because they were too expensive and not satisfactory. A real auto battery to go with the set we looked at would cost $9.40, and one would not do, as we talked, would require two of them. I was told at Western Auto Supply Co. that sometimes on steady use a battery will go down in two or three days time. Their remedy was a windmill attachment on roof to keep a single battery charged all the time. It cost $18.00 at the store and required a mechanic to install it, and probably another one to keep it operating. The Sears-Roebuck man told me it would cost about $80.00 to get one properly installed, with single battery. So I got off that tack. Then, I checked over the offerings available in multiple battery sets and decided on a special equipped one at Sears-Roebuck Co. They presented a cabinet very much like the one we looked at, with two bands, one for domestic and the other for foreign reception, a 6-tube set, with simplified multiple battery arrangement. It uses 3 batteries of one size, and one of a larger size, with a slick arrangement of the connections on a big pin that simply pulls out of the old battery box and sticks into the new box. I traded the regular size batteries for heavy duty and paid the difference. The old ones were scheduled for 3 months on small and 6 months on large, now they are all due for 6 months, uniformly. If they go down prematurely, I can get service adjustment, paying only for time used, and credit allowed on next ones. To secure better performance, we put 6' electric cord connections on all the batteries so they can set on the floor, or under table, and be handled easily without disarranging the connections. The regular duty batteries slipped into the top of the radio cabinet, with dire results sometimes, I was told, on account of corrosion of loud speaker from close contacts. Inasmuch as the heavy duty batteries were too large to go into regular cabinet opening, we solved this difficulty with the long connection cords and placement on floor, or under table. I am to pick up at Sears-Roebcuk store here tomorrow, and take to Mother Sunday. (We did not get to go last Sunday on account of Norma's indisposition.) Figuring the aerial, ground-wire, heavy duty batteries, special cord connections, by paying all cash, I still get off a little less than $50.00. And this is a 6 tube set, against the 4 tube one we looked at. They rigged up one for me in the warehouse and I was astonished at the performance, despite the elevator operating, and no aerial. He picked up 6 or 8 Texas stations in a few moments, then got several short wave stations: one in N.Y. and several others I do not recall. (Come to think of it, he might have had aerial on the roof somewhere, but this was not in evidence, and I did not think to ask.) Any way, the tone was sweet, the volume enormous, and he guaranteed satisfaction throughout. The tubes are guaranteed for 12 months and the radio for 90 days, against all trouble. The salesman

told me they had been distributing farm radios for 16 years and every year they try to get away from multiple battery sets, but always rue the change and switch back. He told me the set rigged up for Mother would be perfect and all that could be desired. So I am hoping I did the right thing. I spent spare time for several days and believe this is the best combination possible to get.

We got the oilcloth for Mother's two tables, ordered 25 chicks to go with us tomorrow-Sunday, and decided on an ice-box that we will fasten on the car some way and try to take with us Sunday. It is a 50# ice capacity with extra large space around ice for bottles, etc., and is side-opener, with 2 doors of course, one to ice chamber, the other to food storage space. I picked it out after searching around, and Norma went by and o.k.'d it before we decided on it. It is a metal box, has been well cared for, and the people traded, ~~or sold~~ it, to second-hand dealer because they bought a Frigidaire. It was clean, inside and out, with fine appearance. I learned that a 50# box will keep things colder with small piece of ice, whereas 100# box would be more expensive to keep stocked and likelihood of more food spoilage, especially milk and butter, if it was not full of ice on hot days. I am still uncertain as to an ice delivery to Mother, but where there's a will there is a way, and if I cannot get easy delivery, I am certain I can arrange it some way by the payment of extra money to cover delivery cost. I will arrange to do all the paying, as we discussed, because Mother would simply tell them to go along and do without. I am not so sure she will not do something like that even with cash deposited for ice delivery and bills all to come to me personally. I intend to have 50# of ice delivered every 3 days during moderate weather, and 50# every 2 days, on hot days. That should solve the problem. If it does not, we can have 25# delivered every day, or 25# and 50# on alternate days. Norma has rounded up a shelf and two brackets for her old clock that we have in our dining room, with another clock - simply to keep it for her, and we plan to take it along with us Sunday. Norma has some canned goods, preserves, fruit, etc. and we will have a car full of good, interesting items for Mother. I wish you could be on hand to see and listen to the comments. It will be rich. I am sure to get a panning for bringing so much, especially on the radio and ice-box. I will be sure to explain to her that you are the guilty culprit on the radio, and that you helped with the other items. I believe she will be happier when she gets reconciled to their presence in the home, and Norma can do much to ease her down and get things settled.

When I paid the rent the other day, I wrote the owner and asked him to furnish the paint for inside and outside work. Offered to do the labor, requested him to fix screens, repair roof, and give us a lease, or the equivalent. I have not had time for his reply to date. Will let you know when I hear from him. I guess Mother will write you on Monday after the radio arrives Sunday. It will be a nice Easter gift. Must run now. Very busy. I am feeling fine. Hope you are O.K.

Lovingly,

Jack

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

4-10-36

Darling:

If Susie cashes her check for $20, I will be overdrawn and the check from the E.P.C. has not come so must draw another hundred to deposit:

Working hard, hard, hard, and accomplishing a little.

Keep love
even always
yours
Alma.

Pues
ing & rain

Cleveland apr 13th

Kirby Dear, I never knew any thing about the Radio, until I got your letter _ Norma was still sick _ & they never came that first Sunday _ he never told me, or I would have forbidden his bringing it, they came yesterday, staid a couple of hours, & went out to Dallas _ came back to-day _ & left for H at one thirty, got a man to come out this afternoon, & set it up _ its a big nice set = but Kirby _ why did you do it _ I worried so last night, I never slept much _ I needed the money so much worse = to pay rent, & for cow feed, Jeak refused to carry it back, will you let me write the co, & see what they will do about taking it back = I'm afraid it will cause me to loose the Pension the folks also brough a small Refrigerator, 50 lbs ice _ got it second hand for six dollar, & 25 little chicks _ plenty wark now _ we got one shower of rain three days after you left & _ awful dry again _ love _ & thank you. Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

april 17, '36

Darling,

Everything seems to be OK here so far. Have been working outside most of the time and having a grand time at it. The house doesn't do so well, but I do better.

Kay got a first and a third last week. He goes to San Diego tomorrow.

Hoping and hoping love,

always your own
Alma.

L. H. GODCHAUX

INVESTIGATIONS - COLLECTIONS - FINANCING

SUITE 308 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

TELEPHONE PRESTON 3404

HOUSTON, TEXAS

April 17th, 1936

Dear Kirby:

We drove up to Cleveland last Sunday morning, got there about 10 o'clock, and deposited the radio, little chicks, ice-box, oilcloth, groceries and fruit. Norma took Mother a pair of shoes and some other things. It was a car filled to the top and after unloading it all, I wondered how we were able to stow it all inside. Mother liked the ice-box, the chicks, and the oilcloth but objected to the radio. I unpacked it, hooked up the batteries, placed it on the dresser in middle room and tried to tune in some stations. But without an aerial and groundwire, I could not do any good, only caught dim sounds with no articulations. I had a radio man come out from Cleveland Monday, and he installed the aerial and ground properly. I asked him at his shop to please check the radio and instruct Mother in the use of it. He said he would be glad to do it. I left plenty of money with Mother to pay his bill. Yesterday, we received a card from Mother saying the man came out as promised, fixed everything properly, and left her with a splendid receiving set. I spoke over KPRC Family Worship Hour Tuesday afternoon, from 4 to 4:30, on Faith, from the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Mother said in her postal that she heard every word of the program, that it sounded natural, and made her cry. I believe it was the first time she ever heard me give a Bible lesson, and I was glad she could listen in on one, at least. My next one will be May tenth, when I speak on the book of Job, KPRC, from 11:30 to 12:00 midnight. This is one of a series "Through the Bible Book by Book." Norma gave the book of Ruth on March 1st, and Chas. C. Hard uses a different speaker each Sunday night. I was on the air in December for Hard, same station, on "Why I Am Not a Denominationalist." And so it goes. We have a good chorus composed of friends and members of our Bible classes and they put on some excellent music. We have two or three friends that sing solos, which we always select in harmony with the theme of the day. I will send you notes of these radio programs, some of them, as soon as they come from the press. We are arranging to print several thousand of the leading ones in response to requests for them in printed form. I offered to pinch-hit for Hard, any time, on short notice even, when an emergency arose whereby the scheduled speaker was unable to carry on the regular program. He lets me name my subject on these occasions. He assigned the December topic and the one for Norma. I selected 'Faith' and the book of Job.

Mother says you are to be on a special program April 21st, San Jacinto Day. Inasmuch as we plan to spend the day with Mother, we may be listening in too. Mother is looking forward to it.

We had to leave early last Sunday for a Dallas business trip, interview with a woman who was swindled out of $5,000.00. Mr. Godchaux had too much to do and requested that I take this one. We parted from Mother at 1:15 p.m. and drove on to Dallas, via Huntsville. We interviewed from 7 to 10 p.m., got something to eat, turned in, out at 5 o'clock Monday morning,

on the road before 6 o'clock, and back to Mother's place by 11:30 a.m. Norma and Mother visited while I unlimbered my portable typewriter and typed some of the interview from copious notes. We left right after we ate lunch and I was back in the office here by 2:30 p.m. It is almost 300 miles to Dallas, going around by Cleveland, so it was a buy time.

Mother had not become reconciled to the radio in her home when we reached there Monday, talked a lot, and insisted I bring it back to Houston and return it. I told her I could not, that it was your gift to her, and all I was doing was to see that it reached her and was properly installed and kept in running order throughout the year. Norma helped me, and we finally prevailed on her to leave it there. I promised to have radio man come out and tune it for her, as well as install aerial, etc. I figured I had no tools to work with, no ladder, or time even, and that it would be better to get an expert to do the job right. So it has been done, properly. I will keep in touch with things and believe Mother will come to enjoy the programs of her choice, and find out that it will pass many an hour that otherwise might be unhappy.

We left order for ice-delivery every other day, while in Cleveland Monday. Found out there are two ice-houses there and either one would deliver in lots of 50# minimum at rate of 60¢ per cwt. Going through Sunday, I paid for 50# and it was placed in Mother's box Sunday afternoon. I bought a book good for 1,000 pounds for $6.00, so Mother only hands out a coupon instead of the cash. It may be that will not worry her so much, although she said she could not make any money on butter if she had to spend 15¢ a day for ice. I told her to forget the cost of things, to enjoy living a bit, and let us take care of the expenses. I told her you still loved her and that you would be only too willing to help make her remaining years as easy as possible. She was afraid you were mad at her. I told her to forget such thoughts, that we would work together in harmony and that she need not fear any clash or friction.

I bought Mother a butter mould on way back from Dallas. She informed me Sunday she was trying to rent pastureage from adjoining meadow for $1.00 or less monthly, for the cow, to give her grass a chance to grow. Her postal yesterday said she had rented it, so the cow has good grass now.

Ernest Wells replied with offer to sell the property to us for $400.00 cash, rather than to repair it and lease it. He offered to do all we asked however if we would pay $96.00 rental in advance, for the year, and let us have another year's option at $8.00 monthly rental. I wrote back and said I might give $300.00 cash to him, and use the other $100.00 to fix it up. Figured I could borrow something on the property to handle it. I await his reply. He said if I did not wish to buy or pay up a year in advance, he would repair the roof and send out screenwire as promised Mother, and let us continue at $8.00 indefinitely, without paint. I will advise you the outcome of these negotiations. We may be able to get it for $350.00.

Must run now. Lots of work pressing. Mr. Godchaux is away for several days and that leaves it up to me. Hope you and yours are o.k. Norma is still having trouble with her side, scarcely able to go anywhere.

Lovingly, your brother,

Lenk

Cleveland apr 18 –

Dear Alma & youngfolks

did Kirby tell you what a good visit I had with my three Boys – Leak & Perry brought K – up the night he got to Houston & was up at ten thirty, when they got here – I went to train with Kirby Friday late we walked we are having a lot of late cold but the garden is doing fairly well there are turnips lettuce, onions, & English pears ready to eat – have twenty five little chicks – cold mornings are bad for them –

hope all is well with you folks alma I am ashamed to tell you, but Kirby & Leak bought for me a small Refrigerator, & a Radio, I cannot help it

Love, Mother

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Tues night apr 21 29

Kirby Dear, we heard your talk all right & say we L & K came up to day, Tex holiday & staid over to night to hear the Radio talk, they had the Post but none of the Tex Sta carried your particular program so we just had to pick you up somewhere else, which Leak did in a few minutes - we all recognized your voice at once - your voice carried well but we could not understand all that Miss R or Lundbury said - the reason it has been stormy all day, we got a good rain at last, the static was very bad so we three sat out in Leaks business car & listened He tried it out & found the static not so bad in the Electric set - & you would never guess what Sta we heard it over Laurence Kansas - Leak kept turning the dial until we heard your voice - so glad of the opportunity - they started for Houston at ten - & just had to write you before I could sleep. love & good wishes. Mother

this Radio has been doing fine until this static to day Leak said he wanted to say Hello when he heard your talk was fine

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

look what good news, if I only can get on the Pension rolls - have never heard a word -

Sunday. April 26 -

Kirby Dear - I have been listening to the Radio a lot to-day - I heard many fine things - a Bible Drama - travalogue through Colorado - & much good music I do appreciate your goodness in giving the Radio - but I nearly cry my eyes out when I listen alone = I wanted to see you so bad to-day - looked like I could not stand it; I forgot to say that Mamie brought two doz white guinie eggs last time - I got a hen from Mrs Wells to sit on them = have lost five of the little chicks - too much cold, cloudy weather = next Wed I look for 100 more little fellows - cheap - mixed kind - hope I can raise most of them = have some for myself - & the folks too = we are eating new potatoes - peas - beet, - lettuce, & onions - strawberries still making = M takes the surplus butter - & sells two lbs of the freshest for 35ct per lb, they take the eggs too, & some milk - & clabber cheese, cow is holding out fine I am quite busy all the time - do not be mad at me - Mother I love you.

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

April 27, 1936.

Darling:

I can't for the life of me determine just where to send your mail to. I have no addresses and I know you will be out on the road, but just where, I don't know. Hope that this will reach you eventually.

The terracing is being started now and hope to have things ready for you do do a lot of work when you come home next time and hope that you don't really have to be going all the time. Kay wants to fix up a ping pong table so you can play a game now and then to limber you up a bit, and thinks you ought to put in more time on athletics and such. Next Saturday is the last one of Track, so he will be home on Saturdays more hereafter thank goodness. It is sort of hard sledding just now with no one here most of the time with me, but if the sun would only shine more it would be much easier.

The talk on the radio came in grand and many people in Whittier heard it. Hope you will not be tood busy to give us a line now and then.

The roses are grand and it is too bad you are missing the best of them. However, some of them will probably be blooming still when you get here. There is a heck of a lot of work to be done around here, and I will be glad when we can get Dick again. Things surely are growing now, although a little belated ly.

Heaps and heaps love, then lots more,

Ever always your own,

Alma

I always love, & think of you — & thank God for everything I

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Cleveland, Tex Apr 28 —

Kirby Dear — your letter, & clippings came today — I wrote you Sunday — sent it N.Y. lot about the garden — its looking nice — I am feeling about the same — plenty of work to do — Sunday is always a hard day — last one, I was so lonesome for you Boys — I could hardly stand it — but the Radio helped I heard a lot of good things, — have not tried to get Foreign stations — there seems to be no use doing it alone, yes, I told about hearing you over Radio, it was grand to hear your voice I told you we heard from Lawrence Kan — suppose the reason the Tex Sta never carried your program — was because it was San Jacinto day — & they had a big celebration at the battle-field; Leak & N — expect to come next Sunday they try to get here every two weeks — they can use the surplus — butter (or sell it) eggs — vegetables, eat some milk too, it helps out some, Leak sends the Post now a number of pieces about peace campaign. Mother

L. H. GODCHAUX

INVESTIGATIONS - COLLECTIONS - FINANCING

SUITE 208 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING

TELEPHONE PRESTON 3404

HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 1st, 1936.

Dear Kirby:
'Tis Mayday, an eventful day in more ways than one, but few of the people realize what is going on, and care less. So mote it be.

I was glad to receive your letter several days ago, and hope you are keeping well and that the folks are all right too.

We spent San Jacinto Day with Mother and listened in on your radio talk that night. None of the South Texas stations carried it, so we picked it up from Lawrence, Kansas. It was a small station though and stormy weathr produced considerable interference. We heard your part fairly well, but got very little of the messages from the speakers that followed you. Mother was thrilled of course at hearing your voice on the air. The radio man from Cleveland did a good job of installing the aerial and ground-wire, and hse gets good service. Of course now add then static cuts out the program, and I believe that pipe line pumping plant about 1/4 mile from Mother's house is responsible for most of her interference. Incidentally, we got such poor reception on San Jacinto Day on Mother's radio indoors that we went out into the new Chevrolet, the one you rode up in, and listened in from the car radio. It seems to be better shielded from outside noises; otherwise we could not have heard ten words from indoors.

I had a letter from Ernest Wells offering to sell the house Mother is living in, and the acre of ground, etc., for $400.00, and I would have to do all the fixing. He said it would cost around $100.00 to fix it in proper living shape and he did not have the cash to do it with. So I wrote back and offered him $300.00 cash, and told him we would waive rentals paid, fix it up myself, draw the papers, save him lawyer's fee, and ~~xxxx~~ assume all 1936 taxes, which are usually prorated. (I figured if he would not accept $300.00 he might come back and suggest $350.00, or if he held out for $400.00 then I would counter with $350.00.) But, I have not heard from him directly. They were out to visit Mother a few days after he received my letter and stated thay were out of the notion of selling, as he owned land directly behind the place fronting on the street and wished to retain to enhance the value of property in the rear, when the estate is eventually divided. I sent another letter three days ago asking for a reply to my letter, but nothing received. He made another proposition: to repair roof, batten the crakcs in outside walls, furnish paint for 2 coats inside and outside woodwork, but I would have to put the paint on; IF I would pay a year's rent in advance, $96.00. I said nay. So it looks like it remains as it was, merely pay $8.00 a month, with no improvements from him.

I will be on KPRC in Houston, 11 to 11:30 p.m. Sunday night, May 10th, on the book of Job. Do not suppose you will be able to tune in at the distance you will be from Houston, but you might try it, if you

are in position to make the attempt.

Norma is improving steadily and we believe she will soon be back on her feet and able to resume normal living relations. We have a baseball season pass for two and have been going out to the ball park whenever she feels like it and we can get away. It proves to be worth while, relaxes both of us, gets away from telephones, and since all the Houston games are played at night under arc lights, it is a colorful spectacle and very interesting.

We have asked Perry and Edith to go with us to see Mother Sunday, the 3rd, but my business may require my presence in Tyler on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. If so, we will have to postpone seeing Mother until the following Sunday.

Business is good, and picking up, with the chances that we will open a branch office in Tyler, Texas, within the next 30 or 45 days. We have investigations first, then collections, and financing, and finally the picture business: so it keeps us very busy day and night, with the brunt of detail work falling on my shoulders. But, I like it and it does not worry me. I am thankful that we are busy.

I guess you have learned of the mixup and change of plans in the Emergency Peace Campaign at Galveston. It seems some of the supporters kicked out of line and necessitated other arrangements. Houston is looking forward to Sherwood Eddy's coming, those that do not have their eyes opened to the true situation. But only a few in any generation are wise and informed as to the 'causes' of certain movements and the 'objectives.' I do not worry myself over something I am not responsible for and cannot prevent, although I do keep my eyes and ears open and am alert to the true setup.

Must run now. More later, as things develop.

Lovingly, your brother,

Lenoir

Didn't you turn over all papers to the bank that fellow came in to see them?

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 367
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

May 4 - 1936

Darling:

The Whittier Bldg & Loan people say they cannot draw up the release on the Lofkin property without a description of it. I am writing Lofkin to have them forward the description to ~~you~~ me. It will have to be done by an attorney. Will have it done and send to you for signature after I sign. We do not have the paper here in the file. It is either in the New York Office or at the bank.* That bank has changed personnel so much they have probably forgotten where it is. Suggest we close with them as soon as this is finished.

Gale Seaman brought Mrs S. and Florence Elliott. (Mrs A.R.E) out to see me Saturday. Left them here while he went to a

meeting in Santa Cruz. Florence is out to see her father who had a stroke. I gave them rabbit for lunch and Florence made herself completely at home and enjoyed herself. Had string beans and little new potatoes. The weather has been good for a few days, but fog is commencing again.

Hope E.P.C. is continuing as well as first couple of meetings. Dale said the Educators meeting at L. A. was not so good because there were so few present. What there was was good.

Will be glad when you get back again.

Heaps and heaps love.

Your own

Alma

I heard John B. Kennedy - on peace —

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Cleveland - May 8th

Dear Son - your letter, & clippings recd - all interesting reading;
there is nothing new with me - plenty vegetables to eat now, with the milk, butter, and eggs - there are not many groceries to buy, but it takes just about as much to buy feed - there has been more in the papers about Pensions - & they now think it will be July before any payments are made, I recd a card from the Inspector, saying he would get around as soon as possible & to be patient, an old Lady about my age came to see me yesterday, it was her Daughter that found this place for me, she says I have done wonders with the old place, & that I must have the best Sons in the world to fix me up so well, she heard all her favorite Radio programs, better from Alma - all well, Love, Mother,

May 10, 1939

Darling:

Working hard. We will be waiting for you when you get to this point. It is warm again and makes more work. Everything & everybody will be waiting to hear all about the trip with Sanchez and all that is or is not accomplished.

Heaps and heaps love

then some

always your own

Alma

Wed – May 20 –

Dear Son, all well with me – Norma was sick last Sunday – but Perry & Edith came up with Leak – she staid over until yesterday, had a nice visit, I have another batch of chick, 50 Plymouth Rocks this time, & the hen hatched sixteen snow white Guineas (can't spell it) wild as partridges – but I keep them confined – had good rains – garden stuff doing fine, plenty work to make me happy – corn about the same – pigs growing along – do hope you will get a good rest –

lovingly, Mother

thanks for the good letter, Alma, write again

L. H. GODCHAUX

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

May 29th, 1936.

Mr. Kirby Page
La Habra, Calif.

Dear Kirby:

Greetings, and I hope things are going well with you and yours. Mother says you are expected home about now, and will probably be back this way to see her in June. We are looking forward to seeing you. Mother is having a 'hog-killing' tomorrow and we will go up Sunday and help her work it up into sausage, lard, etc. It may not be much meat, for the hog is small, but she had four and decided it was more than she wanted to feed and look after, and she reasoned that some meat now would be better than too much later in the winter. Perry and Edith are not getting on so well and we may expect anything in the near future; drink and women fomm a major portion of the undesirable situation. He was going to give her half of his bonus, let her go home on a visit, but now refuses to give her anything; seems to be doing all he can to break her spirit, and is quite aggravating and even brutal at times.

Here is a little business word. If you are in position to take advantage of it, well and good; if not, just forget that I put the matter before you.

Mr. Godchaux, Dr. Spiller, and I, are organizing a little company to engage in the portrait business. The capital stock will be $1,500.00, with each of us contributing $500.00. I can raise about half of mine, but am short $250.00. We have professional photographer to handle the business and direct a crew of two or three sales people. The business will be taking orders for enlarged, colored portraits, and suitable frames for them. We are specializing in 18 karat gold plated frames, and they are beautiful art creations. We also take orders for genuine oil paintings-portraits, in various sizes ranging from $75.00 to $500.00 each, with frames. There is an enormous profit in these art products and we have connections with three of the largest and best portrait and frame houses in the country, and other contacts that may be valuable. We have already placed $2,000.00 letters of credit with two of the largest houses, each letter signed by two men worth $20,000.00 to $25,000.00, net, above obligations. I have a personal contract for deliveryman on one of the original companies and my letter of credit is $2,000.00, signed by different men, each worth over $20,000.00, net. So you can see we are well under way and the outlook is favorable. We started several months ago on an agency basis, but this has been discarded for direct factory connection, and we will be in business for ourselves. We retain the good features of the first set-up, with the desired changes so favorable to us.

I want to borrow $250.00 on my note, and can afford to pay 1% a month for it, on basis of $2.50 each month I use it. If it is necessary, I can get Mr. Godchaux to endorse the note for me. I would like to use the money indefinitely, with the understanding that it is subject to repayment upon call at any time, one half in 30 days and the other half in 60 days, from date of call.

You may send your reply to the office. Awaiting your answer and also looking forward to your coming visit, I am, Lovingly, your brother,

Lenk

Cleveland _ Friday May 29 –

Dear Don, your letter rec'd _ glad you get home _ may be you will rest a little _ can I use a little money; you have no idea how glad I was _ there was ten cts in my purse; a thousand thanks, Leah was to bring me some Sunday. I am to have a man dress one of the pigs _ late tomorrow _ Sat _ ; they plan to bring the sausage grinder _ we expect to fry down _ most all of it, four pigs is too many to keep _ one is much larger _ so we will eat him first, did we get rain _ nothing else for two weeks _ two regular floods, every thing sobbed ground so soft I cannot get in the garden, luckily I got the potatoes out, washed the mud off the last ones, spread them out in a vacant room _ nice lot, must have made five bushels _ have canned some beans _ beets _ about six qts each ; made a lot of pickles, lots more beans, beets, carrots, to can, if the hot sun don't shine out & kill them.
Bantam corn about ready to eat, Country Gentleman coming later
I'm afraid this wet spell will ruin tomatoes,
have a row of red cabbage _ several have asked what they are

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this morning I laid planks along the row to walk on so I could pick cucumbers; yesterday I picked a bucket full of beans off the vines at the end of back porch, pouring rain - so I canned them - seven pts -
I told you I had fifty little chicks, well, they have been in the house all this time, three died - & I still have fourteen little guinea's, penned up in a corner of the front room; I have a sorry tale to tell about the first 25 chicks, came a cold spell when they were little; 6 died - when it began raining so much I fixed a place under the back porch to keep them, well the second night I heard one squall - slipped on my shoes, grabbed the searchlight & ran, saw nothing but milling chickens, I talked to them & they came, & let one put them in a tub - piece of screen over it, six were missing - so I found them, all piled up in a corner - dead, bitten through the head - so there are thirteen left, every thing will have to be locked up in the house at night - glad of the vacant rooms now - have to buy hay for the cow, patch does not furnish enough grass = I thank you for the Digest it's real interesting; I know your place is lovely now - alma; I was glad to hear about your flowers, tell me more if you feel like it. hello to Kay & Mary. love Mother

June 1, 1936

Dear Leak:

It was good to get your letter. I suppose you had an exciting time at the "hog-killing." It seems to me a sensible decision to kill one of the hogs now rather than to wait.

I am interested in your plan to organize a new company, but alas, alas, I have no funds available for investment. I am devoting my time so exclusively to the Emergency Peace Campaign from which I receive no salary whatever, that I have hard sledding keeping out of the hands of the sheriff.

I expect to stop in Texas on my way back to California early in July. The exact date will have to be determined later. I do hope to have a good visit with you at that time.

All goes well here. Kirby, Jr. and Mary are taking examinations this week and hope to get through safely. They are enjoying the college very much. Our hill top is simply heavenly this time of the year. I only wish I could stay here longer. I am off again Wednesday night for a round of student conferences.

All the folks join in sending affectionate greetings.

Your brother,

Mr. A. L. Page
Medical Arts Bldg., Suite 208
Houston, Texas

KP:mk

June 2nd, 1936

Dearest Mother:

We have had a grand week together. You would be surprised at the way the place is changed. The whole hill top now is a blaze of color with endless flowers in bloom. The trees are growing along steadily. The lawn is in much better shape than we had expected to have it by this time. The whole garden fence is lined with sweetpeas, a superabundance of them.

We had the company terrace the hillside back of the garage. I think there are seven terraces in a semi-circle all the way around the hill. This means it will be very easy to irrigate. Kirby, Jr. and Homer have dug the ditch and will have the pipe in within a few days, as soon as examinations are over. Kirby, Jr. has worked hard this year and Alma is much pleased with the way he is coming along. He and Mary are both going to be home during the summer. We plan to get a thousand things done. We will not try to have the classes in the evening as we did last summer. This means we will be much freer.

You would never know the pup. He is now bigger than Choto and is still growing. In addition to the two old cats we have five kittens, so you can imagine!

On the high hill way back above us two big houses are being built. I do not mean the hill top adjoining our land, but the one north and east. A house also has been built just below that on the road toward town.

I am leaving tomorrow night and will be at Association Camp, Estes Park, Colorado, until Saturday, June 14th. I can then be addressed until the 16th at Y.M.C.A. Camp, Williamsbay, Wisconsin; after that you had better send letters to 1201 Chestnut Street, Room 614, Philadelphia.

I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you sometime early in July. I had a good letter from Leak and hope we will all have a good visit together. Heaps and heaps of love,

Mrs. Isabella Murry
Rural Route
Cleveland, Texas

Cleveland June 9th

Kirby Dear – your good letter rec'd
I expect you had left home before my letter
got there, did Alma send it on to you –
I told about our two weeks rain – & how glad
I was to get the money, I needed so many things
by the time it is gone I will get some Pension
money if I ever do – thanks so much,
about all one hears over the Radio is politics
I did hear a man speaking from Geneva –
a Labor delegate from U.S. also a Member of
the Dutch Parliament, speaking for the Oxford group
both – stressed peace, as the only hope of the world
it very hot here these days – cannot do much work
taking care of the cow & chickens is about all –
have canned quite a lot of garden stuff,
I dread the hot months – hope you keep well.

I love you Mother –

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

June 17, 1936.

Darling:

As per usual I got a headache after you left and put off writing until ~~xxxxxx~~ I would not have had time to get a letter to you at Estes and then I realized that I didn't know where to send anything to you. I waited a few days thinking that you would write each day and tell me where you were to be. I thought you had said Hollister after Estes, but they were practically the same time, so I am sending this to New York as you will be there I imagine before Sherwood leaves.

I have had to draw another hundred dollars for use and will have to pay all the bills out of that. Not counting the terracing, which hasn't been paid yet. What shall I do about it? The Lufkin money and a salary check were both sent in to the bank, so there is enough on hand to stand the strain.

Poor old Choto had an accident the other day. He came in Monday morning with a sore leg and pretty much bruised all over and as time went on ~~the~~ he got stiffer. I imagine he must have lost his balance and fallen down a canyon somewhere. He is much better now after nothing but rest, but his leg is still on the bum. Nino continues to grow and is much too amiable to be a real watch dog yet, but he can make plenty of noise.

Kay is working around the place all the time. He finished his rebuilding of the rabbit cages and keeps them nice and clean He is getting sand and gravel to put the clothes line poles in place today. He is practicing typing regularly now.

The missionary Society had their combined group meeting out here Tuesday, and looked over the place and had tea and called it a day. Mary went in for a car full of them and Kay went in and drove a new Pontiac for one of the women. Then they fixed some little fancy sandwiches while the meeting was in progress. Thirty of the women turned out.

Mary has been doing pretty fair with the housekeeping. She could do a little better, but she will work up to that a bit as she gets more rested from the school year.

Susie is about to make up her mind to come on back out here and I expect you will have company when you come back. I doubt if she can get the spirit to move her before then. she has been catching crabs in the creek and trying to fish now and then but has not been successful yet.

The Alhambra Christian Church man called this morning and wanted you for the evening of the first Sunday in September he will write you direct if it carries at the ministers meeting.

Edith is going to visit her folkeas she has not seen them since she came to Chicago with me that time. She is not saying anything to Perry until after she has the money and is gone, as he would refuse to give her money to go away on. She thinks she deserves that much at least, and she does.

Things are about as usual here. The youngsters still eat strawberry short cake and watermelons are in now and they say they are good. They have eaten one and started another. You had better keep those melons in mind and not let them sidetrack you too much.

Heaps and heaps love, then lots more,
Ever always,
your own

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Enroute to Lakeside June 22

Alma darling:

Have had three profitable days in the Philadelphia office. It seems necessary for me to help raise some money before I return to California. Now expect to reach home about July 15th. Will stop to see mother enroute.

Hope you are feeling o.k. Have not received a letter from you since I left home. Perhaps one went astray.

Saw Sherwood today. His back is much better. He is off for Europe on Wednesday. Maud is going with the party.

Suppose the young hopefuls
are rested up by this time.

Eager to get home.

Feeling tip-top.

Love and kisses

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

June 25, 1936.

Darling:

Believe it or not, Miss Reynolds was out here and spent the day with us yesterday. She was having a vacation and also taking in some institutes along the coast, and had been to Yosemite and was going back the Grand Canyon way. She way enjoying herself very much indeed, and looked very well. She said she would not wish us back in New York after seeing our place here.

Had a letter from Clarice and she is going to get the things ready to send. Said in-as-much-as the place was not sold yet, that she had waited for vacation to get things ready to send. If there is anything else you want sent, you might write her.

Kay is working around the place, but is getting pretty restless to get away for a short while. This would be in addition to the trip later. He wants to get away by himself for a short while. I want him to stay here until you come, but he doesn't think he can manage it.

Tom starts in on the EPC work Friday and he and Mary are taking all the time they can get to play at the beach before then.

Is there any place I can get in touch with you before you reach your mother's place, if I have to? You can get in touch with Susie by writing her at League City Box 64 to tell her when to expect to be ready to come, if she has not already left, but doubt she will come before then. Johnnie and John have a phone also.

I am so anxious for you to get here to stay a while. However, please don't neglect our finances too much while you are gunning for the EPC. Mr. Cates claims that you promised to pay that Lufkin money on the extra land when the money came. Says it is in the contract. I can't find the contract after a hasty look. will look again later.

Heaps and heaps love, and hurry home,

ever, always your

Alma

Cleveland — June 30th

Kirby Dear — I will be very glad to see you but I hate to say you will probably have to walk out from Cleveland — there is not a car for hire in the place — Leak will be gone — Godchaux is sending him on a business trip to Columbus, Ohio — Norma is going along — it will be their vacation — Edith is expecting to start to N.Y. to see her Mother — if Perry has not wasted all the Bonus money I could meet you in Houston if you would rather — the heat is not so bad just now — I keep going fine — hope you will get this in time to make your plans —

Love — mother —

June 30, 1936.

Dear Mother:

My plans are still indefinite. I expect to reach your place somewhere about the 10th or 12th. I cannot tell definitely untill I get an answer from an important person we are trying to see before I leave New York. We hope to get a fairly large gift from him and it is important therefore for me to wait. I ought to know in a day or two when we will get to see him. It will then be necessary for me to stop for a day or two in Kansas City and perhaps in Wichita.

You will be interested in the response we had yesterday from a man we have been trying to see. I wrote asking if he would let us talk with him. I did not make any appeal in the letter, but nevertheless I got a reply with an enclosed check for $500. That is much less than we had expected after an interview with him. I wrote and thanked him, but told him we needed much more and asked if he would see us. I am now waiting for a reply from that letter also.

You may be sure that I will come along at the earliest possible moment, because I am just crazy to get home. When I reach California I expect to stay there until the end of September.

I suppose you are pretty well fed up on political speeches, by this time. You will hear little else until Election Day I fear. It will be grand to see you soon.

Heaps and heaps of love,

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 30, 1936.

Dearest Alma:

It was good to get your two letters and to have all those details. It will be great to have Susie back. I thought she would be unable to resist the hill-top! She will be a great comfort to you.

My plans are still uncertain. I am waiting for word as to when we can see Luther Tucker and his father and also Harold Gray's brother, Phil. We will also stop in Kansas City to see a Mr. Volker. It now looks as if I will reach California about July 15, although that is not yet certain.

There are a thousand things I want to talk over with you. I have had a very rewarding month.

Mr. Cates is correct. We promised to make a $350 payment on the land. I will see if I can lay hands upon it somewhere.

Believe me I am eager to get home!

Love and kisses

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

July 1

Sweetheart:

Here is a check. Better hold up everything possible until I arrive. Use whatever amount you really need now.

Hurriedly - But !!!!

Kirby

Cleveland — Sunday, July 5th —

Alma Dear. I was glad to hear from you — I meant to answer right away — but never — I have been quite busy canning — beans, carrots, beets — tomatoes, & making cabbage relish, put up lots of sour pickles (cucumbers) can finish them off to sweet as we need them; I picked blackberries on halves — ten gallons in all — oh you chiggers) have plenty okra — butter beans, & corn, and believe it or not — watermelons — & cantaloupes — cut my first melon to day — half will keep over for tomorrow — planted the vines between strawberry rows its a regular wilderness, fast as I get something off, I plant peas — or corn, cream peas ready to eat too, people marvel at how I have made such a good garden, have a row of red cabbage, & they are a novelty — one guinie got a leg broke others flying all over — the bunch of Barred Rocks are flying over three ft fence — cut their wings as I catch them, HH of them sure will be glad to see Kirby, but do not expect him to bother so much, been raining every day for a week. love, & good wishes to all —

Mother

July 14, 1936

Dearest Mother:

Alma was waiting for me at the station when I reached Puente at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. I had a very pleasant trip in an air-conditioned pullman. Believe me, it was hot outside. We got off the train during the stop at Yuma, but I soon climbed back on where it was cool!

I did not have to walk all the way to town from your place. A farmer drove along about the time I reached the pumping station and invited me to ride with him. I did not turn him down.

It was a great joy to see you looking so well. I think you are in better shape than you have been for years. The place looked swell. I was amazed at the garden. I can't get over the way the radio operates even in hot weather. I am so glad that you are able to use it.

Last night I slept under a blanket here on the cool hill top, and while the rest of the country swelters we are getting a refreshing ocean breeze. It will be this way all summer. It is a grand place to play and to work. I was up at 5.30 this morning and expect to follow that schedule all summer.

Kirby, Jr. and Mary are as brown as berries and are in great shape. Alma is reasonably well. She spends most of her time out of doors. You would be delighted with the appearance of the hill top--the lawn is in excellent shape, even the lawn on the slopes going down toward the road are in fair shape. Within another month we will have a good lawn everywhere. Alma's flowers are doing well all around the house. The rabbits have been doing well in spite of the summer weather.

It is grand to be home and we are looking forward to a happy summer together. Do tell us about details around the place.

Heaps and heaps of love,

July 20th, 1936

Dearest Mother:

Close your eyes and you can see me sitting here dictating. It is ten o'clock in the morning and while the valley is hot we have a cool refreshing breeze up here. It is really remarkable how cool we are able to keep while most of the country is sweltering in the heat.

I have worked out of doors a lot during the week. This morning I started watering the trees and now four hydrants are going at full speed. The day before yesterday I planted ten hills of watermelons and honeydews. I planted them inside the old garden and used plenty of fertilizer. I will tell you how they come along. The grape vines are doing splendidly, and the Boysen berries are coming along in grand shape. The oranges are a disappointment this year--we did not fumigate properly soon enough and all the young fruit fell off. We think we have learned a lesson. We got two red peaches off one of the lower trees!

Kirby and Dick have laid the pipe all the way up the side of the new hill and clear across the top. As soon as it is connected up we will have water for the entire acre and a half of the new plot. This week we expect to put out some more trees. I will tell you about it later.

Mary is doing most of the house work and does a lot of the cooking. All in all, we are having a grand time together.

With much love,

Mrs. Isabella Murray
Rural Route
Cleveland, Texas

Monday, Aug 3rd —

Kirby Dear I know your Birthday aniversary is near & will be thinking of — & praying for, God to bless you Leah made the deal for this place — three hundred, so it looks like I am put for the balance of my life — its a relief too — now if I can only get a little Pension money — the Inspector is in Cleveland — & I expect him any day — July was not so hot as June — not near — to day is cloudy & cool — but we are sure to have some hot times — later on — I still have some vegetables to eat — okra — butter beans, peas — & tomatoes — will soon be time to start on turnips etc —

Hope to keep busy fixing up this old house soon as Leah gets time to tell me what I can do — Mama wants to plan, & help — there is a washable Kalsomine — I think we can clean the inside with — its real cheap too — put on asbestos roof paint to stop the leaks — then paint the outside with real paint — & it will be a neat little place — Leah has

a piece of steel fencing in sight to put across the front = gate to match =
sure glad you people keep well, & comfortable.
what will you call the new book =
Mr & Mrs Parrish came to see me two weeks ago
Raymond too - they all keep working - & are getting along fine - I hear quite a lot of interesting things these day = three times a week I hear a sermon - & good singing from the Radio Chapel in Houston, Leak will be on from, four, to four thirty on Aug 11 -
it is made up of different speakers over the city.
I get news notes twice a day except Sundays that keeps me from needing a daily paper -
Time, is coming now - or I have all I can read
thanks for those you have sent -
have not heard a word from Perry or Edith

Tuesday - no rain
all well with me
love to everybody
Mother

August 7, 1936

Dearest Mother:

Your birthday letter reached me exactly at the right moment. It brought a great thrill to me. It is not easy to realize that I am 46. How quickly the years are passing! Few men have as much to be grateful for as I have. Never can I repay you for your care, and training and love.

Am delighted to know that Leek completed the transaction and that you now have a place all your own. It seems to me that He got a bargain and I know you will feel much better now there is no risk you will have to move. You will get a lot of fun out of fixing the old place up.

My new book is to be called "Living Courageously." I am getting along splendidly and feel confident I can finish it before the end of this summer.

Day by day this hill top is becoming more attractive. You would be astonished at the change since you left. We are now beginning to plant eucalyptus trees. We are buying 100 small plants of the flowering variety and another 100 of the ones that grow very tall. We are simply going to line this place with trees. The two small ones near the garage are growing very rapidly, the three big ones in a clump at the south are now 30 feet high. Kirby has just about finished digging a big bowl around all the trees. All of them are being fertilized.

I have no speaking engagements now for several weeks and feel like a boy when school is out.

Heaps and heaps of love,

August 22, 1936

Dearest Mother:

It has been quite a while now since we have had a letter from you and I am hoping you are not sick.

All continues to go well with us. Every day is a pleasant affair. Indeed, the days are very much alike. Games and work out doors and writing. Mary is away now for three or four days. She went up to Modesto where Tom Coffin is helping with one of the youth teams of the Emergency Peace Campaign. They will be back on Tuesday.

Next Wednesday Kirby and two or three of the boys are going up into the mountains for ten days. He has worked hard all summer and deserves a good vacation. They are taking the trailer with the Ford and will rough it.

We are making splendid progress with our eye training. It is really remarkable.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Tuesday, aug 25th

Kirby Dear - your letter came to day - always glad to get them; I have kept well, but too blue to write any one = I guess I will not get any Pension - one Lady asked the Inspector, why he had not been to see me, he said I had not been in the Long enough to be eligible - on the Application Blank there was nothing about that, I will write the head man and asstin - asking about it; what with the aggravation with the roomers, baby crying, ect life is not worth the living, wish I could die = Jeak is doing all he can to make me comfortable, but feed is going higher all the time, & it all more than he is able to do.

we got a chicken house built out near the cow shed, & the toilet moved out by it - Jeak sent from Houston three second hand doors for the three that had no shutters, five little windows to close in the East side of bedroom - do away with old flappy certain - also a table, & cook stove - table I used belonged to people that sold house - they took it away -

will get the roof patched up, & painted pretty soon if the heat lets up, a man could not work on tin roof now. I will clean up my three rooms with washable Kalsomine paint the doors, & casing — that will make it clean & cozy you remember that boarded up opening between front & dining room — well it is ceiled up to a regular door size, I took those planks & made a bridge over the ditch in front of the gate; aug has been awful hot, no rain until a shower sunday night, but I have okra, butter beans & tomatoes still brought in the last watermelon to-day, but have a lot of late vines, & some sweet corn tasseling —

I am much interested in the family eye treatment, tell me more about them.

Well — still all right

Love Mother

August 26, 1936

Dearest Mother:

We do hope that our failure to get a letter from you does not mean that you are sick. Do not hesitate to send us an air mail letter or telegram if you are in need.

We are remembering that your birthday comes on Sunday. How I wish that I could be with you and tell you again how much I love you and deeply indebted I am to you for your affection and care through the years.

Yesterday afternoon Tom Coffin and Mary came into my room and after chatting for a few minutes made a formal request for our permission for their marriage. He is leaving soon for two years graduate work at Princeton University. They are tentatively thinking of getting married at the end of this two year period. You will remember that Mary has just two more years in Whittier. We are very much pleased about the matter. Tom, as you remember, is a son of one of the professors at Whittier. He is a Quaker with deep religious convictions, is an excellent student and very ambitious. Mary could scarcely have done better and we are very happy over the matter.

Kirby, Jr. and three of the boys left last night for a week in the mountains. He fixed up a good cover for the trailer. They put a mattress inside and took along a generous supply of blankets. They will have the time of their lives.

With deepest affection,

Sunday, aug 80 —

Kirby Dear, yes; this is another of the many Birthdays I have had, I am an old woman with nothing ahead but beggary; yesterday I recd your good letter — also one from Leak such kind, loving words from the best Boys in the world — I had a good cry over them — wanted to see, & tell you how much I appreciate all your loving care, I am not so very well — but its nothing serious, I cleaned the pantry — & painted it with Kalsomine, all those shelves was quite a job — taking out, & putting back another one, got too hot working in the top & took sick headache — but I will soon be all right; the paint came, & I want to get a man to work on the roof this week, we got a good rain to-day, & I think it will be cool enough to work.

I have not heard from Perry or Edith since you were here — do not send any thing more to read, have plenty, hope every one keeps well & happy — love

Mother

mon. still cloudy, & I feel better going to mail this now —

The EMPIRE BUILDER
VIA GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

September 6, 1936

Dear Vicky,

Thank you for the kind letter written so long ago, some time last June. As you may understand, my experience last spring was rather difficult and it took me a while to recover from the effects. I gave everything I had, time, energy, money, and put my whole soul into

the campaign. Perhaps it wasn't a failure for we had splendid publicity and I made some new and powerful friends for the cause of peace, but the results were so meager in proportion to those I expected and desired, that after it was all over I was numb for months, as if I'd been stunned. I've been home most of the summer, and have done nothing except little chores about the home and garden. I didn't write any letter, even to you. I had hoped you would be coming through Detroit, and I could talk with you.

Those who have worked for the EPC out in the state have written me from time to time, and I have referred them to national headquarters. People in Detroit who have called me I have referred to Mr. Wm. R. Booth, head of the Committee on Public Affairs of the Council of Churches. But it would be easier for me if I knew something of the plans of the EPC for the coming winter so that I should not be completely ignorant

when asked. Do not mistake me. I am not asking for any responsibility or part in the direction, nor can I take any, but I should like to have some idea of the situation.

Am I right in thinking that Mr. Dalton, of Ohio, is to be in charge of Michigan, and the Council of Chambers in Detroit?

When are you coming to Detroit? I should like to see you and talk with you, but must hear will be hearing from you. My husband and I are on our way to Oregon, but will be back the twenty-second. The train is hungry, rough up last time, so writing is difficult, but hope you can read it.

Home address:
14054 Parkside, Detroit Oregon

Sincerely

September 8, 1936

Dearest Mother:

All goes well here. I have completed the lessons with the eye training instructor. The progress I have made in less than a month is really remarkable and amazing. The instructor says that my eyes do now all that a normal eye should do. Even with my weakess eye I can read tiny print. I shall continue the exercises, and there is every reason to believe that my eyesight will continue to improve.

Kirby is practically through; both Alma and Mary are making very encouraging progress.

Mary had a glorious time at the course of lectures which she attended for ten days. Kirby continues to do hard work around the hill. They have another week before college opens.

I shall be here until the 26th, when I start for Philadelphia.

Affectionately yours,

Wed - Sept 9th

Kirby Dear - your letter rec'd -
many kind thanks, I am fairly well -
will have to keep the roomers awhile yet -
the man will fix up the fences - for the
next months rent, it helps a lot, & beside
Leak wants some one here with me, might get
bad sick in the night then there is the cow -
chickens, & pigs to feed - but I would much rather
be alone - than to have strangers in the house
its still dry but not quite so hot - a man is
painting the house, out side I am cleaning up the
screened bedroom - little at the time,
it helps to pass away the time, know your hill top
is beautiful -, glad all is well with you folks
that is great news about the eyes -
love, & hello to every body,
Mother.

L. H. GODCHAUX
PRESIDENT AND MANAGER

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER

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September 11, 1936..

Dear Kirby:

I do not remember having written you since my return from the trip, when we were away eleven days, on a mileage of 3,181 in the car, with no punctures, and only two quarts of lubricating oil. We were obliged to go on business, and Norma accompanied me at the company's expense. I spent three days and nights in Columbus, Ohio and two nights and one day in Chicago, the balance of the time was consumed travelling to and fro. I accomplished my mission in both cities, creditably.

I am sorry to have missed your visit to Houston. I received your wire the morning I arrived in Chicago, it having been forwarded from this office, and it was too late to do anything about it, as you arrived on Friday, the day before, I believe. Mr. Godchaux told me that you came to the office and that he offered to assist you in any possible way, so that was the next best under the circumstances.

Mother is much happier since I bought the place she is occupying, and I feel that we got it at a bargain price,- $300.00 cash. She selected what she wanted from Montgomery Ward catalog, I ordered it several weeks ago, and she is engaged in supervising the additions and repairs she has wanted. We went to the saw-mill and lumber yard at Cleveland and ordered an assortment of lumber, a carpenter moved the toilet, built a chicken pen. Later, another carpenter repaired the roof to the cow-shed, went all over the house roof with cement, plugging the holes in the galvanized iron, and then painted it with black plastic roof paint. The exterior has been battened, where they were missing, and two coats of canary yellow paint has been applied. Mother selected the color she wanted. The interior is being worked over slightly, adding three doors, closing up the big opening between front room and dining room to take a single door, and we are glazing in Mother's open screened porch, where her bed was placed. (She rented the front two rooms for $5.00 a month, unfurnished, to a couple with 5-month's old baby.) We ordered some washable Kalsomine for inside walls and ceilings, I bought a spray gun to put it on with, and the interior decorating is under way. The woman sent for her dining table and odd dresser that was in front vacant room, and wanted the stove set up in the kitchen, so I bought another dining table, a kitchen stove with a good oven, from second-hand furniture store here, and we sent them up with the doors. I secured second-hand sash here that will close up the screened porch, so when it is all done Mother will have a comfortable home. She is lord of all she surveys and we try to let her do as she pleases, throughout. She overworked in the heat one day, fixing the kalsomine on her pantry and installing some shelves, and was puny for several days but appears to be over it now, and back on her feet. I have told her repeatedly not to do too much, to engage a man to do the carpentry and painting work, and she is doing pretty well in this respect, but now and then she gets over-ambitious. It is a real pleasure to see her 'unlax' and take on new life.

P.S. -- Watch Mussolini or his successor weld the continent of Europe into a league of ten nations shortly. It seems the only escape from universal sovietism, to those nations, and will likely prove out of the frying pan into the fire. The great tribulation will reduce earth's population to one-fourth of present inhabitants, two-thirds of the Jews will perish, then Christ will come, and reign personally for 1,000 years. 'Tis true, my brother, 'tis true.

For Mother's birthday, Norma selected some material and made her a nice dress, bought shoes, stockings, garters, and a black straw hat, with a little color for trimming. We got a box of nice candy and with the cakes, fruit, groceries, etc., we took up with us, it made a festive occasion for her. She was proud as could be, and pleased with the attention and remembrance. Norma loves Mother and delights in being good to her, and doing things for her.

Edith has been away for the summer and surprised Norma yesterday with a phone call, said she had been back about ten days, resting quietly. She plans to go to work shortly, is staying in the home of a friend, as Perry is unbearable. It is reported that he is diseased, drinking heavily, gambling all the time, and losing a lots, while all the time running with a low, lewd crowd. He constantly slanders Edith and tells a lot of lies, it is reported, and has been rough, rude, and vile in his personal treatment of her, so I hear. I do not know any of these things to be true because I have little contact with him, and do not associate with the crowd he runs with. I hear he divided his bonus money with Edith, who spent the summer in New York state with her father and mother. Perry has retained the apartment during her out-of-town visit, for what purpose no one knows (?) as she advised him before her departure that she would not put up with his treatment of her any further. So it looks like a divorce, but I could not even guess which party will institute the proceedings. I am outside and all I get is rumors and snatches here and there, Norma picks up more from her telephone calls and friends than I ever get direct. Several weeks ago I telephoned Perry, right after Edith left, for a little conversation. Norma had suggested that we have him out to the house for a meal and visit, and I wanted to invite him. He answered roughly, seemed to be unsteady, and before we launched good into conversation, he excused himself, saying he was called to the other telephone, and that he would call me back. But that ended it, no call from him. We asked him to go with us to visit Mother, he promised to go up of his own accord by bus some time and said he was going to send Mother some of his bonus money,- but she has not seen him nor had a letter.

You will have to excuse this sketchy letter. I write a few words, then answer some call of Mr. Godchaux or some one else. It is back and forth all the time, and I hardly know what I have set forth in preceding statements, but I guess you can gather the ideas anyway.

Our picture business is well under way and prospects are good, with the real need of several salesmen who can sell, that will work and be honest in their dealings with the public. We are still busy as can be all the time, with office work, radio talks, Bible classes, home study, and personal contacts. Norma is doing right well, has improved some recently, but is still unable to go places and do things as in former years. We are grateful things are as well with us as they are, for we are more fortunate than most folks.

I hope you and yours are well. Don't work too hard, the game isn't worth it, and you cannot last forever. Things will somehow continue without you, for the end is in sight anyway. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, that means deliverance for us, but woe to the earth in the seven years of trouble to follow. I wish you were one with me in the true faith, so you could escape the reign of terror ahead. Alas!

Sincerely, Jack

September 19, 1936

Dear Leak:

Your interesting and important letter of September 11 was forwarded to me here from Philadelphia. I have noted the various details with keen interest and am delighted that you are able to get mother fixed up so nicely. I am afraid, however, that she simply cannot stand to have the folks in the front rooms, but we will have to see how that works out.

What you write about Edith and Perry is most distressing. I tried to see Perry while I was there, but was unable to find him. Oscar did not know how to reach him. I wish I knew how to help him. Can you give us Edith's address? Where should we send a letter to Perry?

It is good to know that your business is coming along so well. You deserve success.

I was away from home much of the year, but fortunately have been here most of the time now for eleven weeks. As you know, we live out in the country on the top of a high hill. I have been working out-of-doors several hours a day. Kirby, Jr. and Harry have been at home and we have had a joyous time together.

I am just about to finish the manuscript of a new book which I am calling "Living Courageously." I will see that a copy reaches you early in December. I leave here next Saturday for an extended stay in the East, where I am devoting most of my time to the Emergency Peace Campaign. While I am in the East you had better send letters to 347 Madison Avenue, Room 704, where I still have an office with Sherwood Eddy.

I wish that we could see each other more often. Alma and the younger generation join in sending love to Norma and you.

Affectionately,

Sat Sept 19th

Kirby Dear - this month will soon be gone too, time goes much faster when I have something to do all the time - not that I do very much, it's still too hot - heat hurts me more than ever before = the roomers will be going soon dear - but that five dollars is a life saver some times = buys a lot of good things & eat & makes up for petty annoyances = Leah is mighty good to me - as you are - but it has worked a hardship on them - getting me started up here - I have the screened bedroom finished - been messing with it two weeks - its pale blue walls, with ivory ceiling six little long windows in the East side = looks mighty clean & nice, the house is Colonial yellow outside. always glad to hear that all is well with you people suppose you will tell me where to write you -

Hello - & love to every body.

Mother

September 22, 1936

Dearest Mother:

Your good letter came this morning. I am glad because of the prospect that you are soon to have the house to yourself. Don't worry about the $5 a month. A thousand years from now no one will know the difference.

I am all excited about the improvements you have made on the house. You must feel like you are living in a mansion.

In response to a telegram which came yesterday, I am leaving for the East tonight, four days ahead of time, in order to participate in an important conference.

The new book was mailed to the publisher yesterday, so I am in good shape. These eleven weeks have been a very happy time for us. I shall be gone now until early in December. I shall look forward to seeing you in December if possible, if not, then on my way back East early in January.

I had a good letter from Leak and have written him all the news. Better address your letters to 347 Madison Avenue, Room 704, New York City.

Heaps and heaps of love,

[Sept 24, 1936]

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Nearing Kansas City.

Sweetheart:

Have been getting along famously, although I had a bad time with hayfever for a few hours yesterday morning. Ok today.

Have spent hours and hours outlining the American Peace Crusade for next spring, about which we talked before I left. Will send you a carbon copy tomorrow. Am more and more excited about it. Believe we can persuade Admiral Sims and General Smedley Butler, both retired, to act as Honorary Chairmen. They both served as sponsors of our spring series. Imagine having an admiral and a general heading up a movement to commit Americans to an agreement not to approve or or participate in any war outside American territory or beyond American waters! Am going to explore the possibility of securing the National Commander of the American Legion and the National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars also as Honorary Chairmen.

Hope to talk this project over with Morrison and Hutchinson tomorrow in Chicago.

The wire from Baltimore reached me safely.

It seems strange writing to you, after the ten weeks together!

Devotedly yours

Kirby

Sept. 24, 1936.

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Sept 29

Sweetheart:

So you have had a birthday!! Love and kisses!

Here is a check. Let conscience be your guide.

Having good time at this end.

Off for Boston now.

More soon.

Lovingly
Kirby

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK

Oct 6

Anna my dearie:

Here for a couple of days. Philadelphia tomorrow & so on.

Here is a check for $150 Hope to send more soon.

Sherwood arrived yesterday & reports a very profitable summer.

No hayfever now!

Love

Kirby

L. H. GODCHAUX

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

October 6th, 1936.

Dear Kirby:

Your letter reached me in due time. I found out shortly after I had written you that Edith already had secured a divorce from Perry. It seems he did not contest it. Neither one of them ever told us anything about it, before or since, and all we have came through friends of theirs and newspaper notices. Edith secured a position in alteration department of one of the leading stores and is rooming and boarding with a friend, until her sister and brother-in-law move to Houston shortly, then she expects to live with them. Perry finally gave up the apartment, is living with Einar H. Stubee out in West University Place. I have not seen Perry since before your visit here and Edith only one time, when I went to take $3.00 to her last week for an old coat that Norma sold for her. She left it with Norma months ago and it was finally disposed of and she had the cash coming to her. Perry's address is c/ Westheimer Grill, 1640 Westheimer Avenue, a bookie shop where he works. I do not know the residence address of the Stubees, as they have moved recently. I talked to Perry over the telephone a time or two, but without any interest on his part, and he barely tolerated me, it seemed. He has never written Mother, or sent her a dollar, and always manages to sidestep when we invite him to ride up with us on the Sunday trips. He evidently cares nothing for her.

We visited with Mother again last Sunday, she was suffering from a bad cold, including sore throat, but the worst seemed to be over and she was hustling around quite a bit, after a couple of days during which she did almost nothing. She took advantage of the cool snap to have one of the pigs butchered and you should have seen the fine lot of sausage, back-bone, and meat she had Sunday. I drove to town and got 50# of ice to keep the ice-box cold so it would not spoil, and ordered a little more lumber to be delivered Monday, so she can have the carpenter finish some odds and ends. She has finished two rooms in washable kalsomine and the place looks cheery and clean. She prefers to do it she says, is taking her time, and deriving lots of satisfaction from the remarks of the neighbors, as well as the improvement in the entire appearance. The renters are still there, although they tried to get a cottage of their own, but failed. The old age pension business in Texas is a farce, quite a racket, with no chance for Mother to be included, it seems. Only about half have been acted upon and today's paper says they have decided to throw out half of the present pensioners, no cash to pay them with. So it goes, at the end of the age and during the break-up of civilization. A canny bunch are manipulating human affairs on a world-wide scale, <u>that</u> the average citizens cannot understand, and will not listen, if someone is rash enough to attempt to inform them. Sowing to the wind, will surely reap the whirlwind.

Our business is picking up steadily and I am always busy, it seems. I worked until 1:45 a.m. last night at home on some of my personal affairs, typing and studying, etc. My weight is advancing, now 184#, and outside of the 'sniffles' I am feeling fine and dandy. Norma is improving I am happy to say, and now derives more joy out of living, since she is not quite so miserable in her body. Dr. Hilton, chiropractor, has done wonders with and for her, especially light therapy and the short wave treatments.

I trust you are feeling better and not attempting to carry the world on your own shoulders. It simply can not be done. This typing is a sight but I am taking advantage of the absence of all others from the office to write you, and have telephones to answer, cashier work to do, and general receptionist, so that letter writing is erratic. I guess you can make out what I am trying to set forth, even if it is not the best job.

I hope the folks are well, and that you are all right.

Lovingly, your brother,

Jack

October 8, 1935.

Dearest Alma:

These have been busy and rewarding days since I arrived. Sherwood is back and eager to go. They had a fine summer. I expect that you will get a glimpse of him in November. He is quite emphatic in his judgment that California is too far away, so you can reassure Kirby Jr.,

I am enclosing a document in which you will be intensely interested. I think we have struck a big idea. Will keep you in touch with developments.

This afternoon I am having a visit with Reinie. I hope to see Betty soon.

It was good to get your letter and also the one from Mother. Can't you get that chicken-house started or finished?

Mother Eddy passed away on September 27th, before Sherwood arrived.

Remember that I am a glutton for details of what is going on around the old dump!

Sunday, Oct 11 -

Kirby Dear, the People are moving
and to day - & making so much noise I
can hardly stand it - do not think I will
ever take in any body else -
we have been having a lot of early cold -
I have been sick part of the time -
soon as I got over one spell of sneezing I
would take another that baby has been sick
too - cried so much - I never got enough
sleep - now I hope to catch up - & feel
better - did I say that I had a hog
butchered it has left five - two left
& they are big fellows - will take real cold
for them. do you know any thing about
Perry, he will not write to me - nor even talk
to Jeff over Phone - Otiche told Jeff, that C -
got half his Bonus money - & left him -
said Perry was staying at his house - & she is
living with a Woman Dr - who left her husband
God knows what will become of them
all I can do is to worry & pray -
how are you coming out with hay fever this Fall
hope you feel well. fine news about your eyes -
Mon - & alls well with me
love - Mother

I'm ashamed to say I have forgotten the room no -

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

October 12, 1936.

Darling:

Things are still going on about as usual. T he weather man hasn't made up his mind what to give us yet so he has been giving us everything. Last week it was quite hot, before that it was cold enough to use heat in the mornings. This week we have yet to guess about. So far so good.

Kay has been working pretty good, but Mary's accomplishments haven't been anything to rave about. We are getting a pretty good pile of wood. Art was out Saturday and they worked all day. They had rabbit for lunch. but had to eat their salad course first to get it, otherwise they never would have reached salad. The first week Art worked, Kay got his finger crushed in the car door, and I thought he would keel over. The next week he watered things, and next Saturday they are going in with Butcher up on the hill and he will pay Art and work himself and we get every third load and he gets the other two. They start at 6 A.M. if you please and work until noon then go to the football game.

I have paid all the current bills except this months milk, but have not paid the school or La Habra Co or Whittier Bldg & Load I have $50 left but don't want to spend it for those bills as I will need itfor current expenses.The youngsters don't have all their back allowance yet, that is two months. Not paying for the summer. Miss Kahlmeyers bill was $20. Wyes $60, Water three months nearly $50. Milk three months $24,, and so onand on. We are cutting down on the milk bill and the water will soon be less. The milk bill due is $14 something, so you see it needs cutting down. We are cutting out the cream and Kay will use top milk, if he wants cereal. We can't afford to buy it and have it go to waste. The Whittier Nursery bill was $60, plumber $15,. Car payment $27.77 and the light bill is yet to be paid, $10.27. THEREFORE, if you can get hold of enough money to pay LaHabra and Allen and College, it would help. LaHabra will be $60 for four months and the terracing.

Susie can't get her affairs straightened out or she would have been here long ago. Henry will probably have to give up the station and they can't get a reputable man who has the money to put up to the Oil Company. Johnnie and John are pretty certain they will be transferred to a station near Kerrville, which is beautiful country and Johnnie likes it very much and so does John. I sure am anxious to have her get here.

I spent $5. on Mary for a birthday present. Something to make her beautiful. Well, I must get to work on other things now. I washed last week and I just must get some ironing done as they need clothes and I do also. Heaps and heaps love, and heaps more,

Affectionately

your own

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

October 15, 1936

Dearest:

It was nice to get your letter this morning. I am a glutton for detailed news. It is easy for me to close my eyes and see the whole hilltop, and I want to know how things are coming along.

I had a nice letter from Mary and it was a joy to get it.

I am glad to have the detailed financial comment. I hope to be able to send you another check before the end of the month. Everybody seems to be broke at the same time.

We are having very great difficulty securing additional funds for the Emergency Peace Campaign, but are still hopeful. Just now we are deepest down.

I have the proofs of Living Courageously and am more and more excited about it. Tonight I am off for two days in Columbus, Ohio.

Heaps of love,

Kirby

KP:P

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

October 21, 1936.

Darling:

Well, Susie got here at last and is raving over how things have grown. She was too late to see the dahlias at their best, as we had a rain last Friday, and just before the rain there was a tremendous wind which did things to the poor dahlias in particular, as they were so tall and so brittle. The dahlias were about the only things that suffered, although the wind was quite high and blew quite a long time.

The boys were going to get up and start work at 6 o'clock on Saturday, but it was raining hard and after having rain the day before, they could do nothing but sleep and eat. They played a game or two in the morning, and put away a tremendous noon day dinner and then went to the football game. The best I can glean from outside sources is that Whittier trounced Oxy.

Believe me, I am sure sorry to hear that the money is coming along so slowly. Especially the Page money. When I spend about $15 more I shall be broke, as there is the bill on the Kitchen Electric goods to be paid which will take up my balance If you see Mrs. J.D.R. and she will not give anything for the EPC see if you can't get her to give you enough to free you from debt so you can be freer to work. Six thou. would free us and insure enough for tuition until the youngsters finish, and we could then get along on less money for expenditures, as we would not have so many bills to pay. All we would need then would be for current expenses. You know, some of these nuts that are hard to crack might do that when they would not do anything for the EPC. Think on it anyway. It would free you from worry.

The chrysanthemums,(you know, the things I put out first next the poinsettas, in front,) are beginning to blossom. They are the ones that Cheverton gave me. Also the ones down by the arbor. Everything else is doing nicely. The rain lasted two days and although it did not rain so hard, it was enough to be quite worth while. It saved worring about watering things for a couple of weeks. The ground is still quite damp.

The dogs were gone when I got back with Susie, but Tony knew yer all right and wanted to stay in her house, and when she walked out he would lie down in front of her and roll over. When the dogs came she was up here and she went to the door and they didn't bark at all. Choto knew her all right.

Have you taken care of the voting matter. Am enclosing your ticket with number, and sending by separate mail the sample ballot and booklet explaining measures.

Heaps and heaps love, and heaps more,
Always
your own, Alva

Perry Westheimer
c/o Westheimer
1640
Westheimer Ave. Houston

Sunday Oct 25th

Dear Son – I am keeping very well
Perry came to see me for a couple of
hours last Sunday – he is reckless, & bitter
says he went crazy for a few weeks after
Edith left – but thinks he will be able to settle
to his work – if he can keep away –
I wish you would write to him – if you can say
any thing helpful – I know you, like Dear –
thinks he is to blame – but you are all wrong
I know what he had to put up with – it would
wreck any man. there have been fine men that
I know of, that she has made a fool of herself over
just now its Dr Hilton, remember the first time you
came up to see me, she was too sick to come with Perry
well – when he got home she was not there – came in after
two o'clock, with a married man – that is what she left
Duffkin for – a married man again – I suppose he does most
every thing thats wrong – but all men will under certain conditions
I have been digging out, & transplanting strawberries – set two
Bantam hens on big eggs – they hatched fourteen – warm, & raining
to day. I'm sure glad the roosters left. love. Mother

Jan. 6.f. 25 1936

Dear Dad,

thanks a lot for ordering these prints. — This address is — Room 103 Graduate College
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey.

and by the way — could he get a camera on your discount sometime — with a card from you or something — or would you have to be along? If you intend to ever write to him, you might say something about that, and also the places where you can get discount — alex taylor etc. We want to get a camera — and could

get a bit better one with the discount. Tom is getting along just fwell — most of the Psych there is behavioristic and very opposed to his kind — which is more Dynamic and along "Personality" lines. But it's good for him. And there are two of the Profs backing him up. One in Social Psych — a young chap. There are 5 grad students in Psych — and 7 profs — nice — Jim in the middle of everything and fighting to try not get too far behind in my outside reading.

Who is Sherwood now? —

Much love —

Pardon the scribbling — Mary

October 31, 1936.

Darling:

We have had another good rain and saved that much more on the water bill again. Kay had watered some things because he thought it was pretty dry, and it was, but a day or two later it rained. You ought to see the double row of single chrysanthemums just out from the door of the arbor, and below the lawn. They are a mass of pink and yellow and white. They make very pretty boquets. The ones that Cheverton gave me are blooming also, but they were not put out soon enough and the ground was not dub deep enough, and also I did not know just how to disbud them, and although they are lovely, the stems are rather short. However, I know just how to treat them next time and expect to have lovely ones next year.

Football today, and Mary is rushing to get ready to go to the game. I shall have to quit and let her get off. The sun is shining brilliantly just now, but has been playing hide and seek, and one never knows what it will do.

Am coming along pretty fair with my eyes, and there is a real improvement in vision, but am nowhere near the end as yet. It just means a bit of waiting and using and persuasion to get them to where they belong. Heaps and heaps love,

Ever always your own,

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 3, 1936

Mrs. Kirby Page
Box 247
La Habra, Calif.

Dearest:

The election was quite exciting here in New York. I went over to Times Square last night and saw the immense crowd there. The experience brought back vividly election night twenty years ago when I was in Times Square and went to sleep that night thinking that Charles Evans Hughes had been elected, only to learn next day that Woodrow Wilson had carried California.

I sent in my vote for Norman Thomas but am glad that Landon did not win. Roosevelt will be much better.

I am off tonight for a ten days' swing around the circle. We are quite excited about prospects for the campaign. The enclosed summary will be of interest to you.

I had a good letter from Mary and I am delighted at the way she is coming along. It is good to know that Susie is there with you.

What happened to the deep bed of sweet peas? You remember that was my pride and joy.

Do give me a lot of details.

Love and kisses

Kirby

November 3, 1936

Mr. Perry L. Page
c/o Westheimer Grill
1640 Westheimer Ave.
Houston, Texas

Dear Perry:

Mother writes that you were up to see her. You have no idea how thrilled she was to see you.

I have heard about your hard luck and only wish that I could have a good talk with you about things. I tried to see you during the few hours that I was in Houston some months ago but I could not find your address. Leak was out of the city at the time. I tried the old telephone number but nobody answered.

Mother has the impression that you think that I am inclined to blame you altogether for the breach. This is not my attitude.

I expect to be in Houston some time about the middle of December and will look forward eagerly to a good visit with you then. In the meantime, keep a stiff upper lip.

Affectionately yours,

KP:FM

Nov. 9, 1936.

Sweetheart:

Susie and I have just been preening ourselves on the fact that we have put out a good big wash today. However, we did not get to do any last week, and not much the week before, so there is almost as much to be done again tomorrow, including some things that have to be done by hand on account of color and delicate handling.

I shall have to go in to get Mary this afternoon as Kay is staying in all night to watch that vandals do not take away the makings of the big bonfire, which of course, they did not accumulate by any acts of vandalism. Oh, no, no, no!

Your sweet peas are coming along all right. They have not been growing any too fast, because we have had some cold weather, but they have been growing. Have pulled dirt up against them twice and they definitely are coming along. MY chrysanthemums out front are coming along fine also. Short stems, but fine looking flowers. I have just found a fruit setting on the peppino. They are clossoming much nicer now, and am hoping they will begin to set on lots of fruit.

Susie and I have decided to make you something nice for Christmas, and I am going to get the makings to put in it today, and hope you will come home in the fittest of fit conditions, so you can stand it. Otherwise Kay will take it all away from you.

Oh yes. Susie wants a small camera, and I am wondering if you can get one of the Argus Mineature cameras, $12.50 size at a discount. If so get one, and if you can get films cheaper at the same time, get some. Mary can use some of them too.

The gophers are working again and we are busy trying to catch some. Heaps and heaps lobe, then some, ever, always your own

Alma

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Friday the 13th. Nov.

Darling:

I just realized as I wrote the date that it is really a Friday the 13th. No wonder I feel as I do. and have to send out an S. O. S. on the P. D. Q. After paying up some bills and stocking up on groceries and buying a shirt for Kay and a couple of sweaters for Mary, I started to cash a small check today, but thought it best to ask how much I had first, and the answer whispered back to me was "just 25 cents." Needless to say, I didn't cash any check. Red is fixing us up for a credit card for gas, but I already owe Susie $10. and I have not paid much on allowances . Owe two months to each of them... I think that the balance at Sunnyside on the 1st was $200 and something. I now owe for milk two months, telephone, light and water, and the payment on the kitchen equipment is due on the 20th..

Mrs. Corbett said that she is using your book for the people to read in the lessons sometimes, as it is good type, and that so many people have gained so much from it, and liked it so much. She keeps it on her table to use for practice reading. Did I tell you last time we only go every three weeks now?

Heaps and heaps love, and then some,

Always your own,

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 16, 1936.

Dearest Alma:

Sorry indeed to hear that Susy has had to go back to Houston. I regret keenly not being able to see her. However, there is a probability that I will see her on my way to California. I am not just sure when I shall reach home, but it ought to be around December 15th, maybe a little bit earlier, maybe a day or two later. I am going to try to see Mother and Perry on my way home.

You will receive a check for $275.00 within a few days. I have forwarded it to Sherwood for his signature with a request that he send it to you by air mail. I hope this keeps you out of the hands of the sheriff.

The E.P.C. is having hard going, but we are making progress. During the last two days I picked up two gifts of $3,000 each. Prospects are good. We are thrilled indeed over the plans for 1937.

I am on the road almost constantly. I have spent seven nights on the Pullman in a row. I have been jumping about from St. Louis to Madison, to Detroit, to Buffalo, to Pittsburgh, to Norfolk, Virginia, and points in between. I am feeling first-rate, although I am somewhat tired.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Kirby
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Heaps and heaps of love,

Cleveland. Nov 17 –

Kirby Dear, I am getting along all right. have about finished cleaning up the house, it looks like a different place – set out the strawberries too, more than I had last year, & so early, they will make better. we had a freeze two weeks ago, since that time, it been nice weather,

sure will be glad to see you, do not know if Jack can bring you, but let him know.

hope all goes well with you –

always, I love you.

Mother

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 20, 1936

Dearest Alma:

What a life, if you ask me! If you dont I will tell you anyhow! I wake up mornings now and ask myself "Where am I this morning?" The other day it took me several minutes to figure it out. One morning last week my first thought on waking was that I was in a hotel and I started to get out of bed. Fortunately, the curtains were securely fastened! I am feeling all right though I am somewhat fatigued.

The enclosed copy of a long letter to Sherwood will rejoice your soul. We have been deep down for a long time but we are now on our way up.

My movements are still very uncertain and I cannot say just now when I will reach home.

I will see what I can do about getting the Kodak for Mary. Just at the moment the exchequer is empty but I am hopeful and even expectant.

In the meantime, heaps of love,

Kirby

P:P

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Alma Darling:

Joy to you folks. How I wish that I could be with you today. What a lot we have to be thankful about!

Spent yesterday and the day before in Madison, Wis. Had fine interviews with two wealthy women and feel confident that substantial gifts for the EPC will result.

Art Elliott met me here this morning. He will begin with the EPC on January 1st with headquarters in Kansas City. It was nice to have a good visit with him. Ivy and the youngsters will remain in Des Moines until June in order to keep the children in school there.

I am leaving here tomorrow for a quick trip to Texas. Will then return north in order to keep important engagements. Am planning definitely to arrive home on Monday evening, December 14th. Will stay about three weeks. Believe it or not!

Leak will meet me at the train on Sunday morning and we will go at once to Cleveland. Hope Norma and Perry will go along. On Monday and Tuesday I am to meet committees and interview individuals in Houston. Will plan to see mother and the rest of the folks. On Wednesday I can be reached at the Hilton Hotel, Dallas. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Hotel Statler, St. Louis. On Monday and Tuesday next, Hotel Statler, Detroit. Then Hotel Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh, Pa. Expect to leave there Friday night, Dec. 10th for home.

Mrs. Forbes is sending $1000 for our personal budget. So cheer up!

Love and kisses,

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

November 23, 1936.

Darling:

From the sound of your last letter, you had better not delay your coming home too long. Remember, you can't collect any money if you get sick, and it would take longer to be sick and recuperate than it would to just take a rest. You sound tired to me.

Does the later date for homecoming mean that you will stay longer after Christmas, or does it mean that you will simply have a shorter time to stay home? Am glad however that you are planning to go by Texas. Know your mother will be glad to see you, and so will Susie. Remember she is Box 64. She will be at the filling station, and has a phone. It is the Humble station, I suppose it will still be called the League City Filling Station.

Believe you me, I sure was glad to see a check come in. However, just as I was down to my last dime, literally, why the fellow you bought the chair and filing cabinet from came out and bought the bookcases. He had remembered that we had them and wanted to sell. Didn't get much, but it was better than nothing, and helped to clear the room. I have told Louise that she and Paul could use the apartment whenever Paul was able to get out.

Just as Kay finished watering the trees we got a rain, but it wasn't enough to do any good at all. We have had a week of very high winds and it dried things terribly. One of the big avocado trees in the grove to the North of us broke off in spite of the fact that it was tied down. some limbs also. Kay staked out fruit trees better while he was watering.

The rain didn't do us much good, but it covered Old Baldy with plenty of snow. All the snow had been melted, but not it is white and beautiful again. Can't see Greyback as yet, but know it will be lovely when we do. The other day we could see out to see very clearly, and there were three battle ships anchored out from shore, and the glasses brought them up very close. The glasses are not any too good, but better than nothing. Susie left them here. There were other ships also.

Tell me, did Guy Inman go on the S.A. mission with Hull? I have not seen any list of the party, and the C.Century did not mention it. If he did go, is it a dark secret?

Heaps and heaps love, and heres hoping you don't stay away too long.. Fruitcake doesn't keep any too long with a big 2 legged rat nibbling the edges. Always, ever, your own,

Alma

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November 25, 1936.

Mr. Kirby Page
Hotel Morrison
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Kirby:

Your letter arrived this morning, glad to hear from you again, and to know that you are still able to go.

If nothing happens, we will meet you at the Santa Fe depot here next Sunday morning, at 7:20, from whence we can proceed to Mother's place at Cleveland.

Perry was in my office this morning before yours came but I will get in touch with him and see if we cannot have Norma present also.

It will be good to see you again and Mother will be eager to have you for a visit.

Excuse my dust please, but I am in a kind of a slow hurry today. Business is developing at a wonderful clip and even with an extra stenographer, I am bogged down all the time with detail office work. We can talk when we are together.

Norma is holding up fairly well, but is not able to stand the pressure of the work she formerly enjoyed, so we relax and take it a bit easy. Hope all is well with your folks out in California and know you will be anxious to be with them again.

Lovingly, your brother,

Frank

KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

November 28, 1936.

Darling:

Were we surprised, or were we surprised to get your letter from Chicago. However, we would like it much, very much better if you were coming straight on home instead of having to go back North again. However, the news that there may be some money in the offing for personal use eases me a bit as I would like to get these back payments off my mind. I Suppose that that will apply on your back salary somewhat.

Am enclosing a check from Mrs. Beardsley and a small one from the publishers. I suppose that the Beardsley check will come back to us personally, but thought it best to send it along to you first. Also a couple of bills for magazines. I suppose the office will pay these, but we would prefer to have "L I F E" come here steadily and Kay wants to keep them. This as you know is the new magazine put out by TIME.

Mary wants to know if you sent Tom a copy of your new book. They came along yesterday and look fine. There were five of them sent. Suppose you will have more sent along for sales out here, as there will probably be a number of people who will want them.

You don't have to bother about the Miniature Camera Argus, but it would be cheaper to operate than the large one. I was intending to ask you to get some good tea from Schrafft's in New York, but suppose you will not be going back there. We wanted some of the orange color Orange Pecoe Tea that they put out. All we can get out here is black. Wanted it in bulk not in tea balls.

It is still nice weather, but rain is predicted for this area today. It will not help the football any if it comes, but we have to take it as we get it. Rain will not be amiss on the plant growing areas, though.

Heaps and heaps love,

Always your own,

Alma

RICE HOTEL 1000 ROOMS

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Dec. 1

Alma Sweetheart:

Hallelujah! $8,000 for the place. $2500 down, balance $65 per month!! John made the deal & scored commission to real estate agent. Mother expects to start for California within a few days.

Leah, Norma, Perry and I had a grand visit with mother. She looks better than for many years. The place has been improved beyond recognition. Mother is a marvel!!

Perry has recovered from the shock & is no longer bitter. Is working at the same club, $5 per day. Leah is doing

well financially. Looks tired.
Norma is only fair in
health.

Made excellent contacts
here & will eventually
secure substantial gifts
for the E. P. C.

Off tonight for Dallas.

Love and kisses

Kirby

Edith is working at a dept. store.

Guy Inman is an advisor
to Guy Hull on Thos. So.
American tour.

Tuesday night Dec 1st

Kitty Dear - I am lonesome as can be for you - last night I wanted to see all of you Boys so much - looked like I could not stand it - but I prayed aloud for God to guide - & keep us all safe - finally went to sleep - have been quilting to day wrapped up good with hot iron to my feet, has not rained - but still cloudy, & cold - the boat has not arrived -
but no use to be bothered about it now - I have plenty of everything - thanks to the best Boys that ever lived - feeling allright -

League City Tex
Dec 3, 1934.

Dear Alma

I guess you are waiting to get a wire from me. I have not heard from my Pass yet and another thing John left yesterday on his hunt so Johnnie would be here part of the time by himself and I do not like the idea Mr Williams wife will be with her some as she could not go either and I have not been able to go to town with Johnnie to see the Dr. so just as soon as I get things straightened I will be on my way. John had such a short time to get straight

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that he left before he had get things straight with me I might wait until he comes back and I might not it all just depends on how I feel about it I will be able to pay you all part of what I owe if not all. it sure was a surprise when Kirby call up from Houston and we went in and met him and Perry did not have very long with them, am in a hurry and will write more later

Lovingly
Brother

KIRBY PAGE
347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 7, 1936

Dearest:

I am here for a couple of days after a long trip to the southwest. You have already had my letters telling the good news and doubtless Susie has already arrived.

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Mrs. Mary Alma Page
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KIRBY
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THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR WESTERN UNION TIME

La Habra, Calif.
December 16, 1936

Dearest Mother:

Here, I am at home again. It is grand to be back. The youngsters are getting along nicely in college and we are much pleased with developments. Alma is feeling reasonably well. We have just been having a really wonderful rain, slow and prolonged. It will be worth a million to Southern California. It comes at just the right moment, because I will now be able to do a lot of planting and transplanting during the time I am at home. The sun has been shining intermittently this morning.

Things are coming along in grand style. The poinsettas are really beautiful. Practically all the young euclyptus trees are growing splendidly. After I look around a little more thoroughly I will tell you more what is happening.

Because I was held up so long in the East I came from Cincinnati by air; on Sunday I had five hours in the home of Charles Taft, sone of the former President Taft, who is serving as chairman of our winter campaign. I left Cincinnati about eleven o'clock at night, stopped briefly at Louisville and Nashville. I changed planes at Memphis. The plane from Memphis to Los Angeles was a sleeper plane. I put on my pajamas and slept most of the way from Memphis to El Paso! How's that for a sleep?

Alma and Mary met me at the Glendale airport. It was quite a thrilling experience.

I am coming back to Texas during the first week in January and shall be there for four or five days and expect to be able to see you briefly. I am scheduled to speak before the ministers of Dallas on Monday, January 4. Ray Newton, Ruth Nichols and I will then spend several days trying to raise money in Houston and Dallas. I am looking ahead with the keenest anticipation to seeing you soon.

These next three weeks will be a very happy time for us. We shall be thinking of you often. We are expecting Susie to come along any day.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Cleveland Dec 18 –

Hello – every body. I wish you one & all –
a very happy Xmas – Kiby the book came –
I thank you very much – so many good things
to read when its to cold or rainy to work outside
I put straw on the strawberries – got it just across
the road – & fixed up a larger pen for the
little chickens – young hens are laying right along
eggs are forty cts so they pay for what they eat –
I am not nearly so blue – as last Xmas – work is
the answer – I painted the dining – & bed rooms floors –
golden tan – goes well with the peach wall – looks
so much better, finished the quilt – & am now
quilting on another one for Norma –
Sarah has promised to come Xmas take me to Suffkin
if the weather permits – if too bad – they will spend
the day here! – I pray God will guide, & keep you all
lovingly mother

Mel Morris, Spiritual Adviser
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Cleveland, Dec 31st — B+1HH

Kitty Dear — this old year is about gone
read your letter of 26th yesterday — never get Mail
Sunday — but I can any day now — Leah rented a box for
me — its a combination — & only 15cts a month — I — has also been
sending the Chronicle — but I object — so it will stop in a few days
can get along fine without it — No they never came X mas — I spent
the day alone — but plan to get up next Sunday — & bring R & E —
hope it is not pouring rain — I have been grumping with
a bad cold — like I do every winter — but am feeling better
you said you would be coming through in Feb — tell me
about when — would you rather I met you in Houston — if you
only have a short stop — we could get a cheap room to talk in
I do not want you to go to Leaks — you two will fuss again
there is nothing much I can do outside yet — too much
rain & cold — that was fine about the gifts for your work
hope you keep well — & the work prospers — will not use check
thanks for the ten — it will help quite a lot. no use to keep
sending — think I can get along on what Leake can give. Love, Mother

Sunday –

the Folks came up to day – we had a good dinner – & talked about you –

all well with me I love you –

Mother

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